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NORTH CAROLINA

Tobacco Belt Directory

EMBRACING THE COUNTIES OF

ALAMANCE, DURHAM, FORSYTH, GRANVILLE,
GUILFORD, ORANGE, ROCKINGHAM,
VANCE AND WAKE.

—GIVING THE—

LOCATION OF ALL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN,
A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL LAND-OWNERS,
NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED, AND
P. O. ADDRESS OF EACH.

A POST-OFFICE, TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS OFFICE
DIRECTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

A MAP OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, CITY, COUNTY AND
STATE GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION.

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The front page of the Journal contains a reproduction of Charles Emerson's original cover that appeared on his 1886 North Carolina Tobacco Belt Directory.

Courtesy Don Hoover

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Rockingham County Directory

1886

Compiled by Charles Emerson

FOREWORD

In 1886 Charles Emerson of Greensboro, North Carolina compiled a Tobacco Belt Directory for nine Piedmont Counties including Rockingham County. The directory included lists of county businessmen, professional men, and all landowners with the number of acres that they owned.

The directory contains errors in the names and the number of acres owned. A few examples are:

B.F. Ivil in Leaksville, NC. The correct name is B.F. Ivie.

E.P. Meadows in Berry, NC. The correct name is E.P. Meador.

J.L. Winnick of Lenox Castle, NC. The correct name is J.L. Waynick.

A.C. Conner of Pleasantville, NC. The correct name is A.C. Comer.

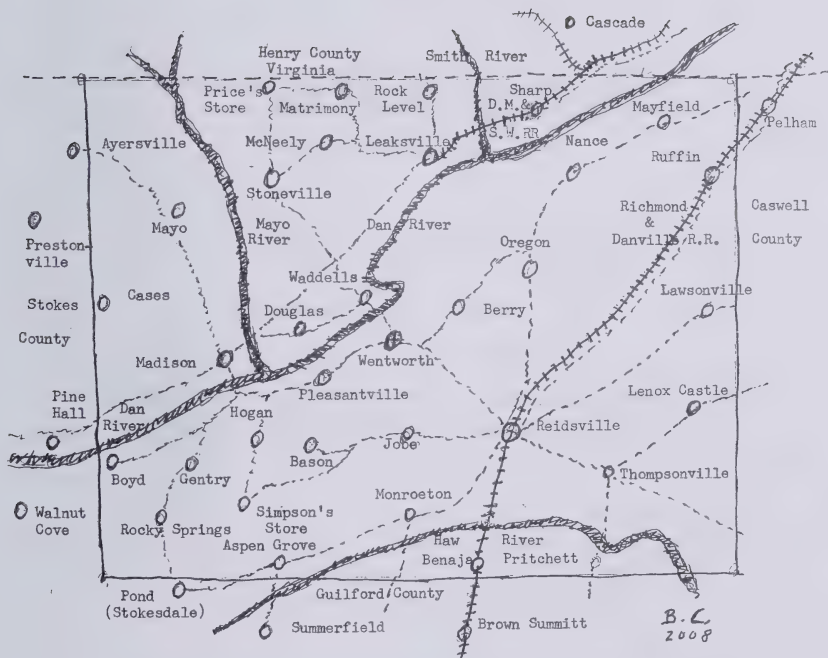
George W. Carter of Reidsville, NC owned 246 acres of land and not 746 acres.

No doubt there are other errors, but overall Emerson did an excellent job of preparing the publication.

Since many of the post offices listed in the directory became extinct over one hundred years ago, a map has been included in the Journal showing the general location of the post offices.

An asterisk (*) before a name indicates a person of African-American descent. There are also errors in these listings. An example is Robert Gwynn, an African-American farmer, who lived near Settle's Bridge is not designated as such.

We wish to extend thanks to Don Hoover who submitted Emerson's 1886 Directory for publication by the Rockingham County Historical Society.



Rockingham County Post Offices in 1886. Also with a few
 Post Offices in adjoining Counties. From United States
 Postal Records. Drawn by Bob Carter.

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REIDSVILLE, N. C.

(Rockingham County.)

(For abbreviations, see page 32.)

OFFICERS:

Mayor—W. S. ALLEN.

CLERK—D. BARNES.

Chief of Police—D. L. BLACKBURN.

Treasurer—E. R. HARRIS.

Commissioners—D. BARNES, E. R. HARRIS, J. H. HALL,
J. W. SMITH, T. B. MCCARGO.

Allen W S, mayor of Reidsville

Bank of Reidsville, A J Boyd pres, R M Sloan cashier,
capital \$50,000, w Market

Babcock Dr P, dentist, Harris Block, w Market

Bailey O L & Co, tobacco manufacturers and leaf dealers,
cor w Market and Gilmer

Balsley Dr T E, physician, office in Balsley & Irvin's drug
store, e Market

Balsley & Irvin, druggists, e Market

Barnes D, clerk of the town of Reidsville

Barnes D & Co, manufacturers of all grades of chewing to-
bacco, e Market

Barnes John D, dry goods and millinery, w Market nr depot

Bartee R D & Co, saloon, w Market

Benson & Son, manufacturers of harness, &c, Gilmer bet
w Market and Scales

Blackburn D L, chief of police

Blair & Stokes, dealers in hay, corn, oats, meal, flour, &c,
Harris Block, w Market

Boyd A J, pres Bank of Reidsville, w Market st

Boyd, Reid & Johnston, attorneys at law, offices Reidsville
and Wentworth

Burton A M, general mdsc, w Market, also leaf tobacco
dealer, cor Morehead and Arlington

*Burton F H, dealer in groceries and confectioneries, e
Market

Burton J H, dealer in leaf tobacco, cor Arlington and More-
head

*Burton & Co, grocers and confectioners, e Market

Butt Mrs C L, family groceries, e Market

*Carter P H, snack house, west Market

Citizens' Bank, H R Scott pres, F R Penn vice-pres, J M Cox cashier, R L Watt asst cashier, capital stock \$50,000; prompt attention given to collection and other business; Reid's Building, w Market st

Comer L F, dealers in general merchandise, west Market

Cox J M, cashier Citizens' Bank, Reid's Building, w market Collector's Office Fifth District, N C. Col A J Boyd col, e Market

Crafton Mrs M A, boarding house, Scales st

Crafton & Small, livery, fe. J and sale stable, Scales near Morehead

Degrott E H, boot and shoe maker, w Market

Denny Brothers, general hardware merchants, cor Scales and Gilmer

Denny, Lyle & Co, mnfrs of chewing and smoking tobacco, Scales st

Dollar Weekly, J R Webster editor and prop'r, w Market

Eagle Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, Williams, Walker & Co, cor Gilmer and w Market

Edwards W H, photographer, over Harris Bros & Stone's store, w Market

Ellington A J, mnfrs of all kinds of plug and twist tobaccos and general insurance agts, office and factory w Market


Farris Mrs F T, wines, liquors, cigars and tobacco, e Market
Fels Saml & Co, butchers, stall no 3 Market House

JAMES A. FOUST,

MANUFACTURER OF

Brick  Contractor of Brick Work.

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 Orders promptly attended to

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

Ferrell & Wall, dealers in general merchandise, Gilmer bet
w Market and Scales

Fetzer Chas, druggist, Scales st

Field T W, mnfrs of tobacco boxes and dealer in oak lum-
ber, n w Market

Ford J H & Co, tin and sheet iron workers, e Market

Fountan W W, general merchandise, w market

*Foust James A, brickmaker and contractor, Irvin st (See
adv, opp page)

Fretwell W A, commission merchant, w Market

Gardner J C & Son, butchers and dealers in fresh fish and
vegetables, Market House

Giles & Co, dealers in hardware, doors, sash and sewing
machines, Harris Block, w Market

Gilliam Addison, wood shop, Gilliam st

Gladston R G & Son, tin and sheet iron workers, and dealers
in stoves, e Market

Gossett G T, dealer in American and Italian marble, also
watchmaker and jeweler, w Market st, next door to market

Gullett Robert, furniture, upholsterer and undertaker, J T
Smith manager, cor Scales and Morehead

G. T. GOSETT,

Watchmaker and Jeweler,

—AND DEALER IN—

American and Italian Marble,

Will fill orders for any kind of

MARBLE OR STONE WORK

AT SHORT NOTICE. ALSO

Iron Fencing and Railing

Of any style and for any purpose, either indoor or outdoor fencing. Stair
Railing, Bank Counters, Flower Gardens, Cemetery Lots, &c. Prices low and
satisfaction guaranteed. Call and examine work and prices before buying
elsewhere.

Hall J H & Son, manufacturers of tobacco, s w Market

*Hall N H, barber, e Market st

Hand S H, dealer in groceries, liquors, &c, cor Gilmer and Scales

Harfield J M, propr Jumbo Saloon, also dealer in fine wines, liquors, cigars, &c, w Market

Harris Bros & Stone, dealers in dry goods, notions, clothing, shoes, trunks and groceries, Harris Block, w Market

Harris E R, treasurer of the town of Reidsville

Harris Robt & Bro, manufacturers of plug and fancy twist tobacco, cor Morehead & Harris

Hazell G M & Son, dealers in leaf tobacco, s w Market st

Huffines & Co, dealers in confectioneries, groceries, provisions, &c, Gilmer bet w Market and Scales

Johnson G W jr, dealer in leaf tobacco, office Star Warehouse

Johnston, Hall & Co, manufacturers of all grades of plug and twist tobacco, e Market

Jones David, merchant tailor, Harris Block, w Market

Katts W C, manufacturer of saddles, harness, &c, e Market

Kirkpatrick D N, brick maker and contractor, West st

*Koger J F, dealer in liquors, cigars, &c, e Market

Lamberth & Williams, groceries, dry goods and notions, Gilmer and w Market

Sampson Henry & Co, manufacturers of plug and fancy twist, e Market

*Lawson W M, liquors, w Market opposite depot

Leader Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, A M Whitsett & Co prop'rs, Gilmer st

Lewis C F, editor and prop'r of Reidsville Times, office w Market opp depot

Lehman Wm, clothing, dry goods, shoes and hats, w market opp depot

Lindsey Wm & Co, mnfrs of plug and fancy twist tobacco, w market

Lovlace M G, butcher and dealer in fish, Market House

McCargo T B & Co, dealers in fancy and staple goods, groceries, mill feed, hay, grain, &c, cor Scales and Gilmer

McCargo & Williams, dealers in furniture, cor Scales and Morehead

*McLin W M & Co, barbers, w Market

*Martin, Harden & Co, groceries, e Market

*Mathews Wm, butcher, Market House

Mathews & Williamson, dealers in groceries, dry goods and notions, fertilizers, w Market

Matthews F M, physician, office Scales st

Matthews F M & Co, druggists, Scales bet Gilmer and Morehead

Mebane & Scott, attorneys at law, Reid Building, w Market

***Medley Jas**, boot and shoe maker, near Market House

Michaels A H, druggist, w Market opp depot

Miller R M, wines, liquors, cigars, &c, w Market

***Montgomery W M**, groceries, w Market

***Moore Joseph**, groceries, w Market

Moore R S, dealer in leaf tobacco, office Piedmont Warehouse

Moore T E, dealer in fancy and staple groceries, dry goods, &c, Scales st

Morris D E, dealer in groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, &c, Scales st

Morton & Furgerson, butchers, Stall No 7 Market House

Motley A H & Co, mnfrs of all kinds of bright, fancy, plug, twist and navy tobacco, e Market

North Carolina Home Ins Co, A J Ellington agt

O'Brien & Sons, dealer in clothing, dry goods, notions, groceries, w Market

Overman & Peay, dealers in hardware, &c, Scales st

Paisley S W, bookseller, stationery and job printer, east Market

Parish H G, buggy maker, blacksmith and repair shop, w Market

Penn F R, vice-pres Citizens' Bank, w Market

Penn F R & Co, mnfrs and wholesale dealers in fine plug and twist tobacco, e Market

***Penn & Hairston**, general merchandise, w Market

Pennix J G & Co, prop'rs the Carolina Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, e of R R

Phillips J M, watchmaker, e Market

Phillips & Brown, livery, feed and sale stables, e Market

***Piedmont Hotel**, G R Quincy prop'r, w Market st

Piedmont Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, w Market opp depot

Quincy G R, prop'r Piedmont Hotel, w Market

Rawley T L & Co, dealers in merchandise, provisions and fertilizers, e Market

Redd E M & Co, leaf tobacco, cor Morehead and Harris
Redd's Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, Scales bet
Morehead and Gilmer

Reid Hugh K, mnfr of tobacco, w Market st

Reid Mrs Jane, fashionable dress maker

Reid, Reid & Reid, attorneys at law, office w Market

Reidsville Female Seminary, Misses Emma Scales and An-
nie L Hughes principals, Miss Annie B Scoffin assistant,
Seminary st

Richard C, general mdse, w Market

Richardson R P sr, manufacturer of plug and twist tobac-
cos, office and factory w Market, also dealer in general
merchandise, w Market st opp depot

Richardson R P jr & Co, manufacturers of strictly fine
smoking tobaccos, Gilliam st, e Railroad

Roach Mrs J A, milliner and mantua maker, cor Scales and
Morehead

Roan R L, dealer in leaf tobacco, office Watt Bros' factory,
w Market

***Robberts B H**, butcher, Stall No 8 Market House

Rominger Dr C A, surgeon dentist, Reid Building, w Market

Scott H R, pres Citizens' Bank, Reid Building, w Market st

Sloan R M, cashier Bank of Reidsville, w Market st

Small W W, dealer in wines, liquors, beer, cigars, &c, w
Market

Smiley A J, boot and shoe maker, Scales st

Smith A L, dealer in confectioneries, Scales st

***Smith Calvin**, blacksmith, n end Scales

Smith J T, manager R Gullett's furniture store, cor Scales
and Morehead

Smith Dr J W, physician, e Market

Smith Mrs L E H, "Doggett House," cor Scales and More-
head

Smith Samuel, general mdse, w Market

Southern Express Co, N C Thompson agt, in depot

Southern Telegraph Co, J A Jones operator, e Market

Staples W C, physician, magistrate and insurance agt, opp
depot, w Market

Star Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, Watt Bros &
Womack proprs, office and warehouse w Market

Terry, Hamlin & Scales, dry goods, groceries, &c, cor Mar-
ket and Morehead

Tesh J M, watchmaker and jeweler, dry goods and groceries, w Market

The Carolina Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, J G Pennix & Co prop'rs, e of R R

The Exchange Hotel, W R Vickers prop'r, e Market

The Reidsville Times, C F Lewis editor and publisher, opp depot w Market

Thomas R S, wines, liquors, cigars, &c, w Market

Thompson N C, freight and express agent, office in depot.

Waddill & Co, merchants, wholesale and retail, Harris Block, w Market

Walker J H & Co, dealers in dressed and undressed lumber, corn meal, &c, oak and buttonwood tobacco boxes a specialty, office and yards s end of w Market

Watt Bros, mnfrs of plug and twist tobaccos, office and factory w Market

Watt Bros & Womack, prop'rs Star Warehouse, for the sale of leaf tobacco, office and warehouse w Market

*Watt Geo, snack house, w Market

Watt R L, asst cashier Citizens' Bank, Reid's Building, w Market

Waynick J L, bakery, e Market

Waynick J W, mnfr and bottler premium mineral and soda waters, No 2 Morehead bet w Market and Scales

Webster J R, editor and prop'r Dollar Weekly, w Market

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HAS BEEN

Thoroughly Repaired and Re-furnished

IN ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS, AND IS

FIRST-CLASS

IN ALL ITS APPOINTMENTS.

Special Attention Given to Drummers.

W. R. VICKERS, Owner and Proprietor,

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

☞ A TELEGRAPH OFFICE AND FIRST-CLASS BAR-ROOM IN THE HOUSE. ☞

***Wells R D**, dealer in liquors, cigars, tobacco, &c, w Market
Western Union Telegraph Co, J A Meldau operator, depot
 White John E, general merchandise, cor Gilmer and Scales
 White S N & Co, dealers in dry goods and groceries, Scales
 street

Whitsett A M & Co, prop'rs Leader Warehouse, for the sale
 of leaf tobacco, Gilmer st

Whitsett & Crafton, dealers in gen merchandise, Scales st

Whitten S S, restaurant and eating house, e Market

Whitten S S & Co, dealers in wines, liquors, cigars, &c

Williams J W, coach maker, e Market

Williams, Walker & Co, prop'rs of Eagle Warehouse, for the
 sale of leaf tobacco, cor of Gilmer and w Market

Williams & Hopkins, dealers in clothing, Scales st

Windsor & Walker, butchers, Market House

Wood G V, dealer in watches, clocks, jewelry, &c. Peay
 Block, cor Scales and Gilmer

Wray J D, butcher, Market House

***Wright J W**, dealer in confectioneries, e Market

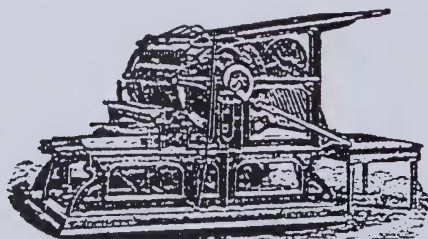
Vickers W R, prop'r of Exchange Hotel, e Market

 C. E. EDWARDS.

N. B. BROUGHTON.

C. T. BAILEY.

EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO.,



PRINTERS, BINDERS,

AND

Blank Book Manufacturers,

RALEIGH, N. C.

WENTWORTH, (C. H.)

(Rockingham County.)

(For Abbreviations, see page 32.)

Blair W. wagon shop
Boyd, Reid & Johnston, lawyers
Ellington J W. physician
Hancock N F, prop'r hotel and postmaster
*Hays J. blacksmith shop
Johnson W C. shoe shop
Johnston P B, treasurer Rockingham county, office Court House
Johnston & Wright, general store
Lewellyn R J, register of deeds, office Court House
Mcbane & Scott, lawyers
Miner J B. grist mill
Mitchell J G. general store
Mitchell J J. county coroner, office Court House
Morgan N R. saloon
Morphis & Haizlip, blacksmith shop
Pannill J T, clerk superior court, office Court House
Raine Dr J R. drug store
Ratliffe T A. general store
Reid & Reid, attorneys at law
Whittimore A J. general store
Whittimore J B. livery stable and saloon
Witty W S. county surveyor, office Court House
Wray S B. wagon shop



GAZETTEER

OF

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

Being an Alphabetical List of the Names of all Business and Professional Men and Land owners.

(For List of Reidsville, see page 517.)

(For List of Wentworth, see page 525.)

Allen S. postmaster	Douglas
Anderson J H. pastor Christian Church.....	Oregon
Anderson L W. steam saw mill.....	Madison
Apple & Nelson. general store.....	Madison
Bains Jas. blacksmith shop.....	Aspen Grove
Bains Jonathan. blacksmith shop	Aspen Grove
Bateman Warehouse, Burrell & Lane prop'rs	Leaksville
Beale Z B. grist mill	Leaksville
Bethell R. grist mill.....	Mayfield
*Bethell R. blacksmith shop.....	Mayfield
Brannock W H. postmaster	Lenox Castle
Burton J W. postmaster and general store.....	Leaksville
Carddock W M. groceries.....	Leaksville
Cardwell J L. grist and saw mill	Madison
Carter G W. postmaster and general store....	Pleasantville
Carter J. general store	Madison
Carter Dr J. physician and grist mill.....	Waddell's
Case N. postmaster	Case's
Case O J & Co. general store.....	Leaksville
Chandler J C. saw and grist mill	Ruffin
Clark J T. pastor Episcopal church.....	Leaksville
Coletrain N E. pastor M E church	Ruffin
Cox C D. saloon.....	Leaksville
Cox J C. saloon.....	Leaksville
Cumming M P. general store	Aspen Grove
*Cutter R. blacksmith shop.....	Leaksville
Dan Valley Echo. weekly paper	Leaksville
Dan Valley Warehouse, Moore, King & Co proprs.	Leaksville
Davidson F M. blacksmith shop.....	Madison
DeJarnett G E. physician	Mayfield
*Denson W. blacksmith shop.....	Stoneville
*Dillard R. barber shop	Leaksville
Dillard & Moir. tobacco factory	Leaksville

Dix R, pastor Baptist church.....	Mayfield
Dunlap D F, steam saw mill.....	Stoneville
Dyer B H, meat market.....	Leaksville
Dyer G D & B H, livery.....	Leaksville
Ellington & Bro, confectionery and groceries.....	Leaksville
Field D E & Son, general store.....	Leaksville
Field Miss S, private school.....	Leaksville
Fitzgerald J W, postmaster and general store.....	Ruffin
Flinn E, blacksmith shop.....	Pleasantville
Flinn J, steam saw mill.....	Madison
Ford H, woolen mills.....	Leaksville
Foster J W, postmaster and general store.....	Oregon
*Foy W, blacksmith shop.....	Madison
Galliher P F, grist mill.....	Stoneville
Galloway J M, mayor.....	Madison
Galloway R, physician.....	Madison
Gant H L, wagon shop.....	Rocky Springs
Gant Jonathan K, postmaster and gen'l store.....	Rocky Springs
Garrett J P, postmaster.....	Matrimony
Garrett S A, physician.....	Simpson Store
Garrett S H, physician.....	Aspen Grove
Garrett W S & Son, general store.....	Matrimony
Glenn J H & Co, general store.....	Stoneville
Green Mrs M J, postmistress.....	Benaja
Griffin & Smothers, grist mill.....	Pleasantville
Griffith Mrs J, notions and dry goods.....	Ruffin
Guerrant & Trogden, manufacturers of tobacco.....	Leaksville
Haggie A, general store.....	Leaksville
Harris J C, police.....	Leaksville
*Harris W A, meat market.....	Leaksville
Hampton J H, carriage factory.....	Leaksville
Hampton, Jones & Co, livery.....	Leaksville
*Hays H, blacksmith shop.....	Hogan
Heath J W, pastor.....	Benaja
Holderby H, postmaster.....	Mayfield
Hopper A T, hotel.....	Leaksville
Horton R G, physician.....	Ruffin
*Houston P, blacksmith shop.....	Leaksville
Huffines L E, postmaster.....	Monroeton
Ivil B F, groceries.....	Leaksville
John A B, physician.....	Leaksville
Johnston J B, postmaster.....	Lawsonville
Johnston & Mills, general store.....	Ruffin
Jones E & Co, liquor dealers.....	Madison

Kahill —, steam saw mill	Mayfield
Kallam & Simpson, saw mill	Hogan
Kallam & Simpson, saw mill	Simpson Store
King D F, tobacco factory	Leaksville
King J B, hotel	Leaksville
Knight Wm, general store	Rocky Springs
Laster J, steam saw and grist mill	Aspen Grove
Ledbetter T, blacksmith shop	Case's
Lewis J W, hotel	Stoneville
Lewis Miss M, millinery	Madison
Lewis R H, manufacturer of tobacco	Stoneville
Lewis R H & Sons, general store	Stoneville
Lewis & Mitchell, general store	Stoneville
McCollum T, grist mill	Pleasantville
McGhee N M, general store	Madison
Madison Male and Female Academy, Prof H Norwood	Madison
Martin J, physician	Leaksville
Martin L J, confectionery	Leaksville
Martin & Jonns, drug store	Leaksville
Martin Tobacco Co, manufacturers of tobacco	Leaksville
Mathews W A, physician	Stoneville
Meadows E P, justice of the peace	Berry
Miller G A, physician	Ruffin
Mills J C, physician	Ruffin
Mobley C W & Co, general store, steam grist and saw mill	Berry
Mobley J W, postmaster	Berry
Morehead J T & Co, general store, saw and grist mill	Leaksville
Morehead & Co, cotton mill	Leaksville
Morgan J, grist mill	Stoneville
Moir & Price, general store	Leaksville
Moore A, pastor Baptist church	Rock Level
Moore J W, saw and grist mill	Madison
Moore & King, brickyard	Leaksville
Nance A H, postmaster	Nance
Neal G W, general store	Mayfield
Norman J N, agt D M & S W R R	Leaksville
Odell A J, blacksmith shop	Rock Level
Odell Mrs L F, postmistress	Rock Level
Pascal P, shoe shop	Pleasantville
Patrick H L, physician	Aspen Grove
Payne W A, physician	Madison

Peeler S D, pastor M E church	Madison
Peusey J, pastor Christian church	Oregon
Price J V, postmaster and general store	Hogan
Price L O, blacksmith shop	Ruffin
Price R P, postmaster and general store	Price's Store
Price S A, saw mill	Simpson Store
Price & Bros, grist mill	Simpson Store
Price & Smith, grist mill	Madison
Pusey E G, pastor Christian church	Simpson Store
Ragland Miss P, private school	Leaksville
Rankin & Co, general store	Benaja
Ratliff T A, grist mill	Pleasantville
Ray A D, postmaster and general store	Waddell
Ray Mrs A M, millinery	Leaksville
Reynolds P, steam saw mill	Leaksville
Scales Mrs M A, millinery	Madison
Scales P M, liquor dealer	Madison
Scales R H, physician	Douglas
Scoggins J, pastor Baptist church	Mayfield
Scott J T, wheelwright	Ruffin
Scott Mrs R B, postmistress and general store, Aspen Grove	
*Searcy W B, blacksmith shop and wagon shop	Berry
Shivler H M, supt of D M & S W R R	Leaksville
Simpson J H, physician	Lenox Castle
Simpson P H, postmaster and general store	Simpson Store
*Smith A, blacksmith shop	Price's Store
Smith Miss A L, private school	Leaksville
Smith D, physician	Price's Store
Smith E, postmaster	Sharp
Smith J R, propr hotel and physician	Stoneville
Smith W R, physician	Madison
Smith & Thomas, steam saw mill	Sharp
Smith & Thomas, steam saw mill	Leaksville
Smothers W, grist mill	Aspen Grove
Stacy Bros, general store	Ruffin
Stamps Miss M, postmistress	Madison
Stevens & Pratt, brick yard	Leaksville
Stevens & Wontz, furniture	Leaksville
Stokes C, grist and saw mill	Oregon
Stokes & Nunnally, saw and grist mill	Ruffin
Stone F J, postmaster	Stoneville
Stone F J & Sons, general store	Stoneville
Stone, Grogan & Co, manufacturers of tobacco	
and general store	Price's Store

Stone J L, grist mill.....	Stoneville
Summers & Brown, saw and grist mill	Lenox Castle
Taylor B F, agt R & D R R.....	Ruffin
Taylor J B, teacher public school.....	Leaksville
Taylor J S, shoe shop.....	Madison
Taylor T G, physician	Leaksville
Tucker J A, general store.....	Lenox Castle
Turner J R, grist mill	Stoneville
Troy R P, pastor M E church.....	Madison
Underwood G W, blacksmith shop.....	Lenox Castle
Vaughn & Smith, general store.....	Madison
Vernon J A, postmaster	Mayo
Wade Mrs E, saw and grist mill.....	Monroeton
Wade P D, harness shop.....	Leaksville
Walker A, wagon shop	Oregon
*Wall N, blacksmith shop.....	Madison
Wall S S, saw mill.....	Madison
Wall W Z, physician.....	Madison
Wall & McGhee, steam saw mill.....	Madison
Wallace M D, general store	Lenox Castle
Warriner W H, general store	Ruffin
Webster, Lauten & Co, general store	Madison
Wilson W H, pastor Baptist church	Madison
Winnick J L, blacksmith shop.....	Lenox Castle
Worsham Bros, general store	Ruffin

LAND OWNERS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Aaron W C.....	Mayfield	104
Adams Jack.....	Leaksville	100
Adkins Angeline	Aspen Grove	70
Adkins J G	Nance	50
Adkins J M.....	Madison	140
Adkins J R.....	Nance	173
Adkinson Edward	Mayfield	138
Albert Julia	Rocky Springs	106
Alcom A S.....	Leaksville	77
Alcom F M.....	Ruffin	171
Allen Betsy Jane	Jobe	3
*Allen Chas.....	Wentworth	20
Allen Mrs Elizabeth M.....	Reidsville	67

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Allen Ennis	Reidsville	91
Allen Sam	Douglas	10
Allen Mrs Vaul	Douglas	914
Alverson Mrs M J	Mayfield	138
Amos J T	Reidsville	55
Anderson E N	Leaksville	196
Anderson E P	Reidsville	21
Anderson Geo W	Ruffin	200
*Anderson Henry	Wentworth	21
Anderson J H	Oregon	662
Anderson L W	Madison	546
Angel C D	Rocky Springs	922
Angel C R	Rocky Springs	15½
Angel J G	Rocky Springs	60
Angel J H	Rocky Springs	75
Angel James M	Rocky Springs	5
Angel J W	Rocky Springs	151½
Angel Rufus L	Rocky Springs	40½
Apple James M	Madison	¼
Austin Julia	Leaksville	62¾
Austin J R	Leaksville	4
Bailey Ezekiel	Jobe	75
Bailey E S	Simpson's Store	76
Bailey J H	Simpson's Store	112
Bailey J W	Simpson's Store	76
Bailey O L	Reidsville	432
Bailey William	Wentworth	39
Baines George W	Aspen Grove	50
Baines James sr	Aspen Grove	292
Baines Jonathan	Aspen Grove	61
Baker Abe	Jobe	12
Baker Avery	Wentworth	425
Baker A A	Madison	146
Baker Geo W	Wentworth	75
Baker R W	Madison	13
Barber Sallie	Reidsville	2
Barber W Z	Reidsville	576
Barber W Z jr	Reidsville	408
Barbour John	Wentworth	430
Barbour Henry	Reidsville	12
Barbour Mrs Martha	Non res	44
Barham Ann heirs	Simpson's Store	168
Barham A B	Aspen Grove	219

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Barham J Q	Simpson's Store	145
Barham Thomas P	Aspen Grove	15
Barker C D	Non res	28
Barker G L	Stoneville	129
Barker Job heirs	Non res	96
Barker W H	Stoneville	43
Barnes David J	Reidsville	196
Barnes Decatur	Reidsville	30
Barnes E P, Dr J R Smith agt	Stoneville	80
Barnes Jesse	Leaksville	77
Barnes John	Leaksville	77
Barnes Levi	Wentworth	253
Barnes Mary A	Leaksville	63
Barnes Nancy I	Leaksville	170
Barnes T M	Stoneville	99
Barnes William	Leaksville	74
Bason John	Simpson's Store	120
Bason John T	Aspen Grove	115
Bason Sarah	Aspen Grove	662
*Bass T R	Mayfield	35
Bateman John	Leaksville	99½
Bateman Jonn jr	Leaksville	115
Baughn A S sr	Stoneville	112½
Baughn Henry W	Madison	84
Baughn J M	Leaksville	42½
Baughn M P	Price's Store	135
Baughn R A	Stoneville	71¾
Baughn R W	Cascade	160
Baynes & Smith	Reidsville	300
Beale Z	Leaksville	2½
Bennett C M	Reidsville	12
Bennett David	Reidsville	160
Bennett J A	Reidsville	212
Bennett J H	Reidsville	256
Bennett Wm M	Simpson's Store	254
Bennett W W	Simpson's Store	320
Benton Anthony	Ruffin	577
Benton Joseph	Ruffin	244
Benton J N	Danville, Va	150
Bethel J W	Leaksville	1373
Bethel W D	Reidsville	1506
Bethel Wm P	Danville, Va	835
Bevill J A	Greensboro	202

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Bevill J C L	Aspen Grove	51
*Bevill Peter	Wentworth	63
Bevill W E admr	Greensboro	700
Billingsby John	Rocky Spring	25½
Billingsby J E	Reidsville	45
Black Mrs Virginia agt for J M Lindsay	Madison	375
Blackburn Wm H	Walnut Cove, Stokes co.	156
Blackwell Mrs Ann	Ruffin	114
Blackwell J H agt	Reidsville	21½
Blackwell N L	Ruffin	6
Blackwell R T	Ruffin	26
Boling W S	Reidsville	35
Boswell R S	Lenox Castle	260
Bowles Mrs Nancy	Lenox Castle	64
Boyd A J	Reidsville	224
*Boyd Charles	Reidsville	24
Boon G C	Summerfield	189½
Boyd George D	Reidsville	861
Boyd & Reid H K	Reidsville	140
Bradfield William	Simpson's Store	100
Brame A J	Aspen Grove	243
Brand J M & N	Reidsville	180
Brann S D	Thompsonville	35
Brannock W H	Lenox Castle	265
Bratcher R J	Aspen Grove	170
Brincefield B Y	Lenox Castle	338
Brincefield T H	Lenox Castle	352
Brim Massy	Aspen Grove	83
Brim Zack	Wentworth	92
Brodnax J G	Leaksville	2000
*Brodnax Moses	Leaksville	2
Brodnax Mrs M L	Leaksville	375
*Brodnax W H	Leaksville	8½
Brooks Mrs Selina	Thompsonville	310
Brown J P	Lenox Castle	173
Brown J R	Ruffin	125
Brown Robert	Jobe	264
Brown S A	Jobe	300
Brown W H	Lenox Castle	172
Bullock Geo W	Rocky Springs	67
Burton Mrs A A	Oregon	570
Burton J F	Ruffin	290

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Burton Jones W	Leaksville	91
*Burton Peter	Reidsville	7
Burton Samuel estate	Leaksville	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Burton T B	Reidsville	48
Burton Wm & Son	Reidsville	442
Busick D W	Madison	682
Butler E P	Monroeton	240
Butler Jno S	Jobe	183
Butler Thomas	Jobe	167
Butler W S	Lawsonville	226
Cahall George C	Wentworth	91
Calhoun William	Rocky Springs	100
Cannaday Mrs Elizabeth	Lenox Castle	150
Cannaday Nathan	Lenox Castle	110
Cardwell James Ham	Madison	400
Cardwell James L	Madison	694
Cardwell John	Ayersville	274
Cardwell Joe H	Douglas	491
Cardwell Robt M	Madison	15
Cardwell Walker	Ayersville	166
Carrell J L jr	Wentworth	47
Carrell J L sr	Reidsville	253
Carrell Thomas D	Reidsville	88
Carroll A T	Jobe	75
Carroll J D	Reidsville	274
Carroll J W	Jobe	214
Carter A J	Stoneville	298
Carter D L	Leaksville	400
Carter Elizabeth	Stoneville	131
Carter E B	Douglas	95
Carter Georgana	Stoneville	100
Carter G T W	Aspen Grove	200
Carter George W	Reidsville	746
Carter Mrs Harden	Leaksville	130
Carter Dr Jesse	Wentworth	1649
Carter Jesse	Madison	6
Carter John	Leaksville	732
Carter J Ruffin	Douglas	150
Carter John T	Wentworth	50
Carter Joseph H	Oregon	115
Carter Louisa	Waddell's	56
Carter Mary A	Douglas	196
Carter Mastin	Leaksville	59 $\frac{1}{2}$

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Carter P J	Pleasantville	133
Carter P M	Stoneville	278
Carter Robert	Waddell's	30
Carter Sarah	Jobe	171
Carter S W	Leaksville	40
Carter Thomas	Waddell's	292
Carter Thos sr	Stoneville	20
Carter William	Madison	300
Carter Wm B jr	Winston	5
Carter Wm B sr	Madison	756
Carter W H	Douglas	110
Carter W S	Ruffin	209
Carter W T	Jobe	296
Carter & McGehee estate	Madison	1
Caruthers John	Rocky Springs	262
Caruthers J F	Rocky Springs	17
Case Martin Luther	Case's	88
Case Nathan	Case's	143
Case Thos guard J T Price	Summerfield Guilford co	306
Case Thos guard W. L Price	Summerfield Guilford co	364
Carver J J & G W	Berry	242
Carver Samuel	Berry	96
Chambers Mrs M C	Lawsonville	137
Chambers Thos	Thomasville	50
Chandler J C	Pelham	22
Chandler & Price	Pelham	335
Chilcutt R L	Monroeton	224
Chilton Mrs L	Oregon	117
Chilton Mrs S J	Oregon	50
Clack Miss M	Reidsville	434
Clack Wm	Reidsville	142
Clapp Martha J	Rocky Springs	104
Claybrooks Jasper	Stoneville	158
Claybrooks John S	Stoneville	574
Claybrooks Wyatt	Stoneville	203
Clifton B F	Price's Store	83
Clifton Eliza	Leaksville	161
Cobb N E	Ruffin	273
Cobb Pleasant	Wentworth	43
Cobb Richard	Wentworth	109
Cobb R L	Wentworth	42
Cobb R R	Wentworth	108
Cobb Thomas J	Wentworth	19

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Cobler Elijah	Leaksville	13
Cobler Prudence	Leaksville	50
Cole G W	Lenox Castle	86
Cole Mrs Martha	Wentworth	30
Cole W L	Wentworth	1
Coleman J A	Monroeton	95
*Collins Henry	Madison	6½
Combs A W	Waddell's	220
Combs F M	Lenox Castle	148
Combs James H	Lenox Castle	424
Comer Martha F	Pleasantville	255
Comer W T	Pleasantville	226
Conner A C	Pleasantville	200
Contral N H	Reidsville	140
Cook Catherine	Non res	100
Cook E T	Ruffin	65
Cook W T	Ruffin	327
Cooley Harrison	Ruffin	178
Corum R L sr	Berry	91
Corum R L jr	Berry	275
Corum W J	Berry	53
Corum Nancy	Berry	45
Courts Dr W J	Reidsville	1347
Cox Erasmus T	Matrimony	100
Cox J R	Leaksville	121
Cox John W	Matrimony	193
Craddock Daniel	Leaksville	60
Craddock Elizabeth	Leaksville	100
Craddock G P	Wentworth	312
Craddock Lafayette	Leaksville	146
Crawford J K	Winston	197
Crews George E	Madison	101
Crowder J M	Wentworth	96
Cummings A L	Jobe	45
Cummings L A	Simpson's Store	108
Cummings Mary	Aspen Grove	139
Cummings M P	Aspen Grove	3482
Cummings Robert	Jobe	772
Cummings Robert	Aspen Grove	282
Cunningham Ben	Oregon	66
Currie J H	Leaksville	175
Currie Mary estate	Jobe	220
Dabbs L J	Monroeton	219

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Dodson J M	Monroeton	62
Dallas J F	Wentworth	163
Dallas J J	Wentworth	115
Dallas Mrs R M	Non res	150
Dallas S T	Wentworth	127
Daiton E G	Madison	275
Dalton Mrs Ruth E	Madison	100
Dalton Thornton	Rocky Springs	36
Dalton W F	Hogan	288
Dalton Walter P	Madison	154
Dameron J S	Ruffin	261
Daniel Mrs J Y	Mayfield	900
Daniel Mary	Ruffin	6½
Davis George T	Reidsville	398
Davis J H	Reidsville	55
Davis R S	Oregon	105
Davis W K	Oregon	215
Dawson & Adams	Ruffin	200
DeJarnette Dr Geo	Mayfield	528
DeJarnette Geo D	Mayfield	20
Delacey A F	Reidsville	68
Delacey T M	Wentworth	129
Delaney J B	Ruffin	150
Delgado F R	Wentworth	130
Denton Miss Millie	Wentworth	30
Deshago N C	Price's Store	140
Dillard Col J P	Leaksville	871
*Dillard Sam	Leaksville	½
Dilworth J R	Reidsville	300
Dix Ed	Oregon	63
Dix Mrs Eliza	Mayfield	109
Dix E F	Mayfield	94
Dix J R	Mayfield	46
Dix Robinson	Mayfield	373
Dix W G	Mayfield	156
Dix W P	Mayfield	320
Dixon Jacob	Oregon	70
Dixon John F	Monroeton	100
Dixon L R	Monroeton	115
Dodd James	Ruffin	198
*Dodd John	Aspen Grove	7
*Doggett James	Reidsville	93
Donaldson Thomas	Ruffin	196

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Douglas Robt M.....	Greensboro.....	1130
Duke J G.....	Reidsville.....	247
Duncan W H.....	Berry.....	69
Dunn Thomas H.....	Leaksville.....	245
*Dunnevant Lewis.....	Stoneville.....	58
Durham George.....	Pelham.....	29
Durham M J.....	Oregon.....	110
Durham Pheriba.....	Reidsville.....	16
Dyer G D & B H.....	Leaksville.....	2½
Edwards G W.....	Leaksville.....	75
Edwards Mrs Sallie.....	Pelham.....	115
*Ellington America.....	Wertworth.....	30
Ellington A J agt.....	Reidsville.....	50
Ellington C F.....	Oregon.....	122
*Ellington C M.....	Wertworth.....	16
Ellington G D.....	Oregon.....	97
Ellington John T.....	Wertworth.....	699
Ellington Jno T agt.....	Wertworth.....	200
Ellington D J W.....	Wertworth.....	65
Ellington Jas D.....	Reidsville.....	154
Ellington J M jr.....	Wertworth.....	262
Ellington J M sr.....	Wertworth.....	139
Ellington Mrs Martha E.....	Wertworth.....	100
*Ellington Moses.....	Wertworth.....	58
Ellington W G.....	Oregon.....	210
Elmore James W.....	Monroeton.....	550
Elmore T G.....	Monroeton.....	178
Evans J M.....	Matrimony.....	391
Evans Thomas L.....	Reidsville.....	29
Everett John.....	Rocky Springs.....	41
Fagg James F.....	Stoneville.....	53
Fagg James M.....	Wertworth.....	140
Fagg Samuel H.....	Stoneville.....	172
Fagg Wm.....	Stoneville.....	133
Fallin W L.....	Madison.....	163
Farrar Elizabeth.....	Aspen Grove.....	72
Farrington J B.....	Waddell's.....	110
Farris Mary.....	Leaksville.....	24
Ferguson A J.....	Mayfield.....	100
Ferguson J H.....	Ruffin.....	240
Ferguson Thomas A.....	Mayfield.....	90
Ferguson Wm.....	Ruffin.....	196
Ferguson W H.....	Pelham.....	90

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Ferrell Mrs J A	Mayfield	421
Field D E	Leaksville	18
Field Mrs J E	Leaksville	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Field Lucy C	Leaksville	360
*Field Nash	Leaksville	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Field T W	Leaksville	42
Fields A H	Madison	186
Fields F W	Leaksville	9
Fillman William	Reidsville	259
*Fitz Adam	Leaksville	10
Fitzgerald J W	Ruffin	33
Fitzgerald J W admr R R Fitzgerald	Ruffin	119
Fitzgerald R T	Ruffin	284
Flack D G	Reidsville	193
Flinn Alex & J B	Pleasantville	132
Flinn Elihu	Rocky Springs	253
Flinn Mary	Rocky Springs	95
Floyd J H	Matrimony	480
Fluittoff J P	Ruffin	320
Foster James M	Monroeton	143
Foster J W	Oregon	149
Foster J W agt.	Oregon	218
Foster P P	Oregon	150
Forges Partheny	Reidsville	20
Foust Levenia	Reidsville	229
Foy B F heirs	Madison	658
*Foy Nat	Madison	100
Foy Wm H	Madison	186
*Frazier Dorsey	Leaksville	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Frazier Martha J	Stoneville	168
French D P	Leaksville	230
French J D	Oregon	75
French Mrs M J	Oregon	152
French Thomas	Oregon	108
French T M	Oregon	75
French W R	Oregon	206
Fretwell W A	Wentworth	260
Fridde Frederick	Simpson's Store	599
*Friend Sally	Wentworth	3
*Frieze Mat	Reidsville	18
Fulp J R	Rocky Springs	218
Fuqua R W	Madison	102

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Fuqua S G.....	Madison.....	375
Galliber P F.....	Stoneville.....	459
*Galloway Aaron.....	Leaksville.....	80
*Galloway Alex.....	Leaksville.....	10
*Galloway Armstrong.....	Douglas.....	32½
Galloway A H.....	Reidsville.....	744
*Galloway Balt.....	Wentworth.....	12
*Galloway Dixon.....	Wentworth.....	10
*Galloway Ephraim.....	Leaksville.....	25
*Galloway Hubbard.....	Leaksville.....	33
Galloway Col John.....	Madison.....	242
Galloway John M.....	Madison.....	462½
Galloway Mary.....	Madison.....	350
*Galloway Melvin.....	Leaksville.....	46
*Galloway Nash.....	Stoneville.....	100½
*Galloway Peter.....	Leaksville.....	16
Galloway Dr Robert.....	Madison.....	513
Galloway R R.....	Mount Airy.....	956
Galloway Miss Sallie C.....	Leaksville.....	964
*Galloway Sam.....	Leaksville.....	91
*Galloway Watt.....	Reidsville.....	3
*Galloway Wm.....	Leaksville.....	30
*Galloway Willis.....	Leaksville.....	16
Gammon J W.....	Leaksville.....	30
Gann Nathaniel sr.....	Ayersville.....	232
Gann Nath'l exr Sam Gann.....	Ayersville.....	146
Gann Miss Polly.....	Case's.....	58
Gann Samuel.....	Mayo.....	188
Gant H L.....	Rocky Springs.....	217
Gant J K.....	Rocky Springs.....	68
Gant J K agt Isabella and J R Nelson.....	Rocky Springs.....	125
Gant J M.....	Rocky Springs.....	223½
Gardener W L.....	Oregon.....	372
Garrett A H.....	Aspen Grove.....	292
Garrett Geo W.....	Lenox Castle.....	333
Garrett Joseph.....	Madison.....	295
Garrett S A.....	Simpson's Store.....	25
Garrett T J.....	Lennox Castle.....	327
Garrett William.....	Simpson's Store.....	200
Garrett W A.....	Matrimony.....	160
Garrett W S.....	Matrimony.....	474
Garrett W S.....	Simpson's Store.....	200

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Garrison G H.....	Jobe.....	75
*Gentry Maria.....	Pleasantville.....	150
Gentry Richard.....	Hogan.....	200
Gentry Richard.....	Madison.....	495
Gentry R J.....	Rocky Springs.....	80
Gentry Susan.....	Hogan.....	122
Gentry Thomas F.....	Hogan.....	33
Gentry W B.....	Madison.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Gibson E B.....	Pelham.....	753
Gibson Hiram.....	Stoneville.....	340
Gibson J A.....	Ruffin.....	37
*Gibson John H.....	Madison.....	183
Gibson Melinda.....	Stoneville.....	31
Gilham C W.....	Ruffin.....	138
Gilham Miss L C.....	Ruffin.....	138
Gilliam Miss Cernelia.....	Ruffin.....	138
Gilliam Fannie.....	Ruffin.....	138
Gilliam Sarah E.....	Ruffin.....	138
Gilly Wm.....	Oregon.....	223
Glenn A S.....	Leaksville.....	9
Glenn E T B.....	Non res.....	900
Glenn James A.....	Mayo.....	120
Glenn James D.....	Leaksville.....	900
Glenn John H.....	Stoneville.....	80
Glenn Joseph H.....	Mayo.....	773
Glenn Robt B.....	Winston.....	900
Glenn Thomas J.....	Mayo.....	105
Gladston R G.....	Reidsville.....	46
Godsey Bird.....	Hogan.....	200
Godwin Geo.....	Ruffin.....	76
Goins Elizabeth.....	Thomasville.....	38
Good Francis.....	Rocky Springs.....	110
Goodwin Thomas C.....	Reidsville.....	70
Goolsby Eliza heirs.....	Hogan.....	206
Goolsby James F.....	Hogan.....	10
Gorden James.....	Ruffin.....	31
Gourley W A.....	Rocky Springs.....	80
Grady John A.....	Waddell's.....	91
Grady John E.....	Waddell's.....	50
Graves Lucian.....	Oregon.....	14
Green William.....	Brown Summit.....	495
Griffith Mrs Agatha.....	Mayfield.....	88
Griffith A J.....	Ruffin.....	88

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
*Griffith Isaac.....	Ruffin.....	8
Griffith W B.....	Mayfield.....	74
Griffin A R.....	Simpson's Store.....	236
Griffin D D.....	Aspen Grove.....	129
Griffin W L.....	Aspen Grove.....	269
Griffin Z W.....	Monroeton.....	150
Griffin & Patrick.....	Monroeton.....	165
Griffin & Smothers.....	Aspen Grove.....	10
Griggs George.....	Stoneville.....	50
Grogan A J.....	Leaksville.....	224
Grogan Bartee.....	Stoneville.....	355
Grogan C F.....	Leaksville.....	232
Grogan Constance T.....	Stoneville.....	147½
Grogan D A.....	Stoneville.....	114½
Grogan Eliza.....	Stoneville.....	70
Grogan Henry.....	Stoneville.....	85
Grogan John H.....	Leaksville.....	255
Grogan J P.....	Stoneville.....	250
Grogan Joe H.....	Stoneville.....	52
Grogan L C.....	Stoneville.....	54
Grogan Mary A.....	Douglas.....	252
Grogan Robert.....	Stoneville.....	127
Grogan Thomas.....	Stoneville.....	155
Grogan W P.....	Stoneville.....	454
Grogan W T.....	Stoneville.....	38
Groom C A.....	Reidsville.....	200
Groom Z.....	Trinity.....	740
Guerrant D E.....	Ruffin.....	135
*Gunn George.....	Reidsville.....	60
Gunn J A.....	Wentworth.....	52
Gunn J M.....	Wentworth.....	97
Gunn Ned.....	Reidsville.....	7
Gunn N C.....	Reidsville.....	84
Gunn N W.....	Wentworth.....	76
Gunn W P.....	Wentworth.....	68
Gunn & Richmond guardians		
Stephen Richmond.....	Non res.....	354
Gwynn Robert.....	Waddell's.....	207
Gwynn T R.....	Ruffin.....	1000
Hagood James.....	Oregon.....	40
Hagood J H.....	Oregon.....	115
Hagood W T.....	Oregon.....	216
Hairston Miss Agnes.....	Oak Hill, Va.....	250

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
*Hairston Dock	Wentworth	5
Hairston Wm L	Non res	590
Haislip A J	Reidsville	6
Haislip Henry	Wentworth	42
Hall E F	Reidsville	30
Hall James	Madison	194
Hall Thomas	Case's	118
*Hamlin Ann	Leaksville	73½
Hamlin C S	Leaksville	311
Hamlin Dolly	Leaksville	6½
Hamlin F M	Danville, Va.	165
*Hamlin George	Leaksville	13
Hamlin Miss Lucy	Leaksville	414½
Hamlin Morris	Leaksville	36
*Hamlin Peter	Leaksville	105
Hamlin Richmond sr.	Leaksville	25
*Hamlin Thomas	Leaksville	27
*Hamlin William	Leaksville	25
*Hamlin Willis	Leaksville	95
Hancock E W	Wentworth	352
Hand C A	Rocky Springs	127
Hand D M	Madison	30
Hand P A & J T	Rocky Springs	132
Hannah J C	Ruffin	90
*Hardin Lewis	Reidsville	6
*Hardin Patsy	Reidsville	7
Harralson L L	Ruffin	298
Harris Alex	Ayersville	548
Harris J M	Reidsville	40
Harris J R, J R Reid agt.	Wentworth	384
Harris John W	Lawsonville	248
*Harris Lucy	Leaksville	18
Harris Robt	Reidsville	24
Harris R D	Ruffin	180
Harris S A	Aspen Grove	100
Harris Wm A	Milton	5½
Harrison John L	Reidsville	164
Harrison Mrs Margaret	Reidsville	400
Harrison T C	Reidsville	130
Harrison W M	Reidsville	414
*Harrold Eliza	Monroeton	2
Harville Daniel D	Non res	40
Harville T C	Oregon	196

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Hay Dr P A.....	Reidsville.....	15
Hay P A agt for wife.....	Reidsville.....	138
Haynes James M.....	Monroeton.....	244
Hays Andy.....	Hogan.....	46
Heggie Fannie P.....	Stoneville.....	117
Heggie Mary.....	Stoneville.....	198
*Heggie Philip.....	Reidsville.....	330
Heggie S S.....	Madison.....	58
Henderson R B.....	Hogan.....	148
Henderson Z T estate.....	Jobe.....	33
Hennis Wm T.....	Ayersville.....	250
Hensley C H.....	Stoneville.....	6½
Herbin G R.....	Simpson's Store.....	150
Herbin T L.....	Thomasville.....	260
Herbin Wm.....	Simpson's Store.....	469
*Herbine Joe.....	Thomasville.....	29
Herbine W H.....	Thomasville.....	369
Highfill Levi Thomas.....	Case's.....	254
Hightower W D.....	Reidsville.....	412
Hill James H.....	Stoneville.....	196
Hill Lucy.....	Stoneville.....	20
Hodges J M.....	Pelham.....	187
Hogan A J.....	Leaksville.....	145
Holbrook Willis.....	Reidsville.....	6
Holderby G H.....	Mayfield.....	12
Holderby John M.....	Mayfield.....	20
Holderby V M.....	Ruffin.....	30
*Holeman Madison.....	Pleasantville.....	38
Holland Jesse.....	Leaksville.....	174
Hollingsworth Tyler.....	Price's Store.....	290
Hollingsworth Joe.....	Price's Store.....	287
Hooper Amanda.....	Thomasville.....	96
Hopkins D S.....	Reidsville.....	517
Hopkins D L.....	Pleasantville.....	293
Hopkins Easter.....	Reidsville.....	133
Hopkins Elizabeth.....	Monroeton.....	133
Hopkins Henry.....	Monroeton.....	115
Hopkins John M.....	Reidsville.....	643
Hopkins Martin P.....	Reidsville.....	59
Hopkins Martin S.....	Monroeton.....	257
Hopkins R A.....	Reidsville.....	122
Hopkins Thomas P.....	Reidsville.....	124
Hopkins Thos W guard.....	Monroeton.....	273

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Hopkins W P	Monroeton	448
Hopper A T	Leaksville	232
Hopper Henry	Leaksville	100
Hopper J R	Mayfield	157
Hopper J T	Nance	100
Hopper Patrick	Leaksville	36
Hopper P D	Leaksville	314½
Hopper R M estate	Leaksville	115
*Hopper Thomas	Leaksville	20
Hubbard F A	Ruffin	119
Hudson A J	Reidsville	140
Hudson Barber B	Jobe	75
Hudson J W	Jobe	65
Hudson R D	Reidsville	124
Hudson Wm	Nance	126
Huffines L C	Monroeton	296
Huffines Thomes W	Reidsville	198
Huffines Wm	Reidsville	212
Hughes estate	Leaksville	3½
Hulda Hudson	Pleasantville	50
Hulgon Mary	Reidsville	15
Humphreys Elizabeth	Hogan	148
Humphreys Miss M J	Oregon	161
Humphreys Richard P	Hogan	130
Humphreys Van B	Aspen Grove	119
Hundley J W	Leaksville	120
Hutcherson John W	Wentworth	158
Hutcherson R W	Wentworth	80
Hutson Miss Fannie	Oregon	44
Irving A R	Waddell's	106
Irvin Mrs E C exr	Reidsville	955
Irvin G W	Waddell's	137½
Irvin James	Reidsville	457
Irvin James M	Reidsville	527
Irvin John	Reidsville	277
Irving W S	Waddell's	172
Iseley Dennis	Jobe	92
Iseley Preston	Jobe	55
Jackson Peter G	Reidsville	150
Jarrell Robt	Berry	99
Jarrell W A	Leaksville	161
Jarrett J F	Reidsville	195
*Jeffreys J H	Oregon	83

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Jeffreys Reason.....	Oregon.....	137
Jennings W J.....	Reidsville.....	238
Johns A B.....	Leaksville.....	41
*Johnson Geo.....	Leaksville.....	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Johnson Sidney.....	Ruffin.....	16
*Johnson William.....	Leaksville.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Johnston Archer.....	Oregon.....	93
Johnston Geo W.....	Reidsville.....	200
*Johnston J H.....	Oregon.....	565
Johnston J P.....	Oregon.....	35
Johnston John S.....	Ruffin.....	38
Johuston J S.....	Oregon.....	289
Johnston J S agt.....	Oregon.....	815
Johnston Rufus.....	Oregon.....	104
Johnston R A.....	Oregon.....	47
Johnston Rowley G.....	Reidsville.....	172
Johnston R H.....	Oregon.....	315
Johnston Samuel.....	Oregon.....	204
Johnston Wm.....	Oregon.....	84
Joiner D T.....	Aspen Grove.....	140
Joiner W S.....	Hogan.....	66
Jones A L.....	Ruffin.....	97
Jones C G.....	Leaksville.....	178
Jones Edward.....	Aspen Grove.....	50
Jones Edward.....	Madison.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jones J Alex.....	Reidsville.....	360
*Jones James W.....	Oregon.....	156
Jones J M.....	Wentworth.....	284
Jones J W.....	Jobe.....	154
Jones John Willie.....	Reidsville.....	108
Jones R M.....	Wentworth.....	1435
Jones W P.....	Leaksville.....	21
Joyce Alex N.....	Ayersville.....	4
Joyce Mrs Ann.....	Wentworth.....	40
Joyce Calvin and Luther.....	Stoneville.....	476
Joyce David.....	Ayersville.....	266
Joyce Geo Alex.....	Mayo.....	55
Joyce George W.....	Stoneville.....	266
Joyce Henderson.....	Stoneville.....	462
Joyce Hiram W.....	Mayo.....	100
Joyce James D.....	Stoneville.....	193 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joyce John.....	Stoneville.....	582
Joyce Joe H.....	Stoneville.....	220

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Joyce Martin Luther.....	Ayersville.....	117
Joyce Pleasant H.....	Stoneville.....	18
Joyce Ree.....	Stoneville.....	348
Joyce R S.....	Stoneville.....	25
Joyce R T.....	Stoneville.....	260
Joyce Sarah E.....	Stoneville.....	274
Joyce Thomas.....	Rocky Springs.....	187
Joyce W L & D R & J P.....	Rocky Springs.....	550
Joyce W R.....	Stoneville.....	25
Justice Jno W.....	Reidsville.....	96
Kallam Austin T.....	Case's.....	443
Kallam James M.....	Hogan.....	592
Kallam J M guard.....	Simpson's Store.....	61
Kallam John.....	Rocky Springs.....	20
Kallum Elizabeth A.....	Price's Store.....	564
Kallum Jane, Ann & Mary.....	Price's Store.....	123
Kallum Nancy.....	Price's Store.....	108
Kallum Spencer.....	Price's Store.....	181
Kallum Susan.....	Price's Store.....	174
Kallum Winston.....	Price's Store.....	291
Keen John.....	Oregon.....	58
Keesee J D.....	Pelham.....	150
Kemp Nancy.....	Leaksville.....	72
Kemp Peter A.....	Leaksville.....	243
Kemp W C.....	Leaksville.....	150
Kennon Jackson.....	Oregon.....	179
*Kennon J H.....	Oregon.....	178
Kennon Karey.....	Oregon.....	18
Kennon Mrs Mary.....	Oregon.....	124
Kernodle G S.....	Monroeton.....	750
King Alex agt.....	Oregon.....	240
King Catherine.....	Oregon.....	82
King Charles.....	Wentworth.....	28
King D F.....	Leaksville.....	51½
King Eliza.....	Jobe.....	80
King Ellen M.....	Jobe.....	473
King Henry.....	Ruffin.....	75
King John.....	Ruffin.....	106
King J B.....	Leaksville.....	305
King John S.....	Reidsville.....	97
King John T.....	Leaksville.....	198
King Joe W.....	Reidsville.....	184
King Mrs M C.....	Jobe.....	268

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
King Perry	Ruffin	25
King P J	Oregon	287
King Samuel M	Wentworth	214
King Sense	Ruffin	25
King Wm H	Jobe	96
King Y H	Wentworth	75
Knight Boyce	Rocky Springs	60
Knight E C	Simpson's Store	57
Knight F M	Rocky Springs	159
Knight J M	Rocky Springs	50
Knight Pinkney	Simpson's Store	434
Knight Rufus	Aspen Grove	73
Knight T B	Madison	223
Knight William	Rocky Springs	159
Knight W M	Rocky Springs	63½
Knoble Ed	Non res	25
Knott Sarah	Rocky Springs	38½
Knott James	Rocky Springs	60
Land C J	Leaksville	75
Land John W	Leaksville	42½
Land William	Leaksville	178½
Landers J C	Oregon	75
Landers Wm	Oregon	353
Landers W D	Oregon	80
Landreth L D	Hogan	175
Lane J H	Leaksville	116
Lantenschlager Joanna M	Stoneville	41
Lantenschlager J C	Madison	110
Lantenschlager John M	Stoneville	480
Lantenschlager J J estate	Madison	622½
Lash T G heirs	Walnut Cove	21
Lasley Eliza A	Rocky Springs	246
Law Mrs E J agt	Wentworth	120
*Lawson Jack	Ruffin	10
*Lawson Jake	Ruffin	4
Lawson R W	Leaksville	985
Lea J H	Ruffin	47
Lea Thomas A	Ruffin	35
Lemons Amy O	Rocky Springs	37½
Lemons Larkin	Stoneville	118
Lemons P D	Madison	184
Lemons Pernelia J	Rocky Springs	103
*Lemons Samuel	Wentworth	87

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Lemons Thomas jr.....	Stoneville.....	66
Lemons William.....	Stoneville.....	1
Lemons W F.....	Stoneville.....	39
*Lesieur Jesse R.....	Douglas.....	84
*Lesieur Nelson estate.....	Douglas.....	22½
Lester J H.....	Aspen Grove.....	31
Lewellyn A L.....	Stoneville.....	120
Lewellyn John.....	Wentworth.....	190
Lewellyn Mrs Margaret.....	Mayo.....	253
Lewellyn R J.....	Wentworth.....	451½
Lewellyn Sarah J.....	Stoneville.....	193
Lewey Tempe.....	Jobe.....	125
Lewis Andrew.....	Thomasville.....	27
Lewis John W.....	Stoneville.....	218
Lewis P V.....	Stoneville.....	145
Lewis Robert.....	Madison.....	762½
Lewis R H.....	Stoneville.....	29½
Lewis Robert R.....	Douglas.....	161
Lewis S A.....	Thomasville.....	250
Lewis W T.....	Ruffin.....	215
Lillard B T.....	Oregon.....	19
Lillard G A.....	Oregon.....	229
Lillard H C.....	Oregon.....	114
Lillard Jas W.....	Wentworth.....	43
Lillard J H.....	Leaksville.....	138
Lillard M E.....	Oregon.....	75
Lillard W A.....	Oregon.....	107
Lindsay J M.....	Douglas.....	160
Lindsay T B.....	Douglas.....	658½
Lindsay Wm.....	Reidsville.....	200
Lindsay Wm R.....	Madison.....	600
Lindsey & Bennett.....	Reidsville.....	10
Linville W F.....	Rocky Springs.....	261½
Lomax H P estate.....	Aspen Grove.....	845
*Lomax Jack.....	Hogan.....	42
Lomax Polly.....	Aspen Grove.....	10
London Miss Virginia.....	Oregon.....	9
Louten J J estate.....	Madison.....	24
Lovelace John A.....	Oregon.....	221
Lovelace S A.....	Ruffin.....	2
Lovelace & Co.....	Oregon.....	19
Lovins A M.....	Jobe.....	74
Lovins J F.....	Jobe.....	57

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Lovins Prudence.....	Jobe.....	57
Lowe A N.....	Pleasantville.....	100
*Lowe Lee.....	Pleasantville.....	95
Lowe L L.....	Pleasantville.....	431
Lowe L L guard G A Bason.....	Pleasantville.....	120
Lowe L L guard for Geo & Ida.....	Pleasantville.....	140
Lowe L L admr J D Johns.....	Pleasantville.....	186
Lowe L L, T M Knight, W S & M A Joiner.....	Pleasantville.....	215
Lowe Mary A.....	Pleasantville.....	104
Lucas James.....	Jobe.....	653
Lumpkins J W.....	Mayfield.....	100
Lynn Thornton estate.....	Lenox Castle.....	300
McBride Cynthia.....	Simpson Store.....	44
*McCain George.....	Wentworth.....	12
McCargo J J.....	Wentworth.....	132
McCargo T B.....	Reidsville.....	13½
McCollum C S.....	Reidsville.....	100
McCollum David.....	Pleasantville.....	105
McCollum David.....	Reidsville.....	775
*McCollum Ellis.....	Pleasantville.....	73
McCollum E F.....	Aspen Grove.....	650
McCollum Jesse L.....	Pleasantville.....	136
McCollum John.....	Pleasantville.....	143
McCollum J F.....	Aspen Grove.....	53
McCollum Mollie E guard.....	Pleasantville.....	350
*McCollum Ned.....	Pleasantville.....	133
McCollum P D.....	Pleasantville.....	524
McCollum R T.....	Reidsville.....	82
McCollum Thomas.....	Pleasantville.....	250
McCollum William.....	Reidsville.....	128
McCollum William.....	Monroeton.....	152
McCollum W S.....	Pleasantville.....	129
McDonald Alex.....	Waddell's.....	109
McDonald John.....	Waddell's.....	70
McDonald J W.....	Leaksville.....	176
McDowell R A.....	Mayfield.....	212
McGee Chas. A.....	Madison.....	447
McGee Nathan M.....	Madison.....	150
McGehee & Carter.....	Madison.....	22
McKeel B F.....	Non res.....	25
McKenny Nat.....	Mayfield.....	162
McKenny P A.....	Mayfield.....	140

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
McKillip Thompson heirs...	Simpson's Store.....	137
McKinney A B.....	Reidsville.....	225
McKinney B B.....	Lenox Castle.....	244
McKinney Joe.....	Ruffin.....	117
McKinney Sallie.....	Monroeton.....	2
McNeely Elizabeth.....	Matrimony.....	300
Mack William.....	Thomasville.....	25
Madison & Christmad.....	Wentworth.....	167
Malloy T S guard.....	Wentworth.....	220
Manley Rufus.....	Reidsville.....	295
*Manns Abram.....	Madison.....	51
*Manns William.....	Wentworth.....	7
Martin Andrew J.....	Preston.....	285
Martin Bros & Smith.....	Reidsville.....	25
Martin Mrs Eliza.....	Ayersville.....	203
Martin Mrs Emily C.....	Reidsville.....	106
*Martin Frank.....	Wentworth.....	70
Martin George W.....	Madison.....	136
Martin George W agt.....	Madison.....	1
Martin Hamilton.....	Ayersville.....	328
Martin Hardin T.....	Reidsville.....	27
Martin Henry.....	Oregon.....	56
Martin J L.....	Leaksville.....	2
Martin J R.....	Rocky Springs.....	365
Martin James Robt.....	Pond.....	160
Martin J W.....	Reidsville.....	67
Martin Joseph B.....	Leaksville.....	5
Martin Lucy.....	Madison.....	22
Martin Mary A.....	Ayersville.....	217
Martin Mary W.....	Leaksville.....	120
Martin Peter Franklin.....	Ayersville.....	184
Martin Robt.....	Ayersville.....	127
Martin Samuel.....	Preston, Stokes co.....	401
Martin Samuel jr.....	Ayersville.....	245
Martin S F.....	Leaksville.....	39
Martin Samuel P H.....	Ayersville.....	435
Martin Thomas.....	Ayersville.....	199
Martin W heirs.....	Rocky Springs.....	54
Martin William.....	Rocky Springs.....	10
Martin W D.....	Leaksville.....	385
Martin W T.....	Reidsville.....	184
Martin W T & J W.....	Reidsville.....	307
Mathews D M.....	Stoneville.....	20

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Mathews Elizabeth	Stoneville	63 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mathews Dr W A	Stoneville	65
Matkins W C	Lenox Castle	371
Maxwell Alfred	Reidsville	200
Maxwell W D	Reidsville	180
*Meadow Chas	Leaksville	50
Meadow E P	Wentworth	235
Meadow George J	Reidsville	284
*Meadow Henry	Leaksville	142
Meadow J D	Douglas	75
Meadow R H	Wentworth	330
Meadow S J	Reidsville	314
Meadow Thomas C	Reidsville	288
Meadows A W	Reidsville	122
Mebane Francis	Monroeton	165
Mebane Mary A heirs	Wentworth	67
Mebane Wm N	Wentworth	330
Miles James	Monroeton	133
Miller Rev Cornelius	Madison	2
*Miller Frank	Wentworth	1
Miller John	Leaksville	172
Miller John W	Jobe	157
Miller Martha	Reidsville	122
Miller Martha	Monroeton	60
Miller W M	Wentworth	45
Miller W P	Jobe	75
*Millner R D	Leaksville	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Milloway George W	Brown Summit	158
Milloway Jno W	Monroeton	180
Mills R C	Pleasantville	52
Miner J B	Wentworth	520
Mitchell George	Madison	60
Mitchell John B	Pleasantville	111
Mitchell John G	Wentworth	64
Mitchell Mrs M A	Wentworth	438
Mitchell Mrs Mary L	Ruffin	150
Mitchell Mrs P J	Reidsville	850
Mitchell W A	Non res.	65
Mitchell W J	Wentworth	110
Mobley C W	Berry	253
Mobley John W	Berry	496
Mobley Nathan	Berry	478
Mobley W H	Wentworth	110

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Moir Alex	Leaksville	62
Moir John	Leaksville	338
Moir Robt A sr.	Leaksville	273
Moir R A estate.....	Leaksville	435
Montgomery Mrs A E.	Reidsville	776
Montgomery J M.....	Nance	76
Montgomery Rawley	Nance	95
Mooney Nancy.....	Jobe	50
Moore Benjamin.....	Reidsville	100
Moore B P.....	Pleasantville	130
Moore D M.....	Reidsville	100
Moore D M & R S.....	Reidsville	147
Moore Evans.....	Ruffin	240
Moore Emily.....	Monroeton	50
Moore George H.....	Leaksville	219
*Moore Jack.....	Wentworth	40
Moore Jas W.....	Leaksville	376
Moore Jesse.....	Pleasantville	46
Moore John R.....	Leaksville	175
Moore J D.....	Monroeton.....	118
Moore J M H.....	Monroeton.....	115
Moore J Wright.....	Rocky Springs	787
Moore Owen.....	Leaksville	24½
Moore R F.....	Pleasantville	150
Moore Raine S.....	Reidsville	87
*Moore Sam.....	Leaksville	141
Moore Mrs S J.....	Madison	486
Moore Sidney T.....	Reidsville	316
Moore Smith.....	Aspen Grove.....	100
Moore Thomas C.....	Jobe	181
Moore Wm B.....	Leaksville	782
Moore W R.....	Stoneville.....	40½
Moore & Locke.....	Reidsville	200
*Morehead Anthony.....	Leaksville	25
*Morehead George.....	Leaksville	40
Morehead J T.....	Leaksville	5
Morehead J T & Co.....	Leaksville	1160
*Morehead Jerry	Jobe	87
*Morehead Jerry guard.....	Jobe	31
*Morehead Richard.....	Leaksville	25
*Morehead Robert.....	Jobe	31½
Morgan James	Stoneville	372
Morgan J R.....	Matrimony	135

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Morphis T E.....	Wentworth.....	3
Morris A L.....	Reidsville.....	4
Morris J W.....	Reidsville.....	394
Mosley Daniel.....	Aspen Grove.....	161
Mosley Daniel jr.....	Simpson's Store.....	57
Mosley D H.....	Pleasantville.....	261
Mosley John.....	Pleasantville.....	130
*Mosley Nelson.....	Wentworth.....	92
Mosley, Lowe & Price.....	Pleasantville.....	236
Mosley Robert.....	Pleasantville.....	60
Motley T J.....	Lawsonville.....	700
Motley W B.....	Lawsonville.....	180
Mullins Samuel J.....	Madison.....	938
Mullins Miss Susan.....	Ruffin.....	115
Murphy Davy.....	Leaksville.....	74
Murphy Miss Nancy.....	Ruffin.....	180
Murphy N G.....	Leaksville.....	160
Nance Mrs Emily.....	Reidsville.....	240
Nance Fountain.....	Nance.....	197
Neal A F.....	Madison.....	228
*Neal Carter.....	Wentworth.....	25
*Neal Henry.....	Reidsville.....	69
*Neal Henry.....	Oregon.....	130
Neal James Mc.....	Simpson's Store.....	130
*Neal Jesse.....	Reidsville.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
*Neal Martin.....	Reidsville.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Neal Mary.....	Rocky Springs.....	83
Neal Mrs M T.....	Reidsville.....	443
Neal P B.....	Madison.....	80
Neal Thomas D.....	Simpson's Store.....	308
*Neal Wesley.....	Reidsville.....	4
Neal William.....	Hogan.....	823
Neal Mrs Z.....	Reidsville.....	383
Nelson Dodson.....	Rocky Springs.....	69
Nelson G W.....	Rocky Springs.....	117
Nelson P H.....	Rocky Springs.....	50
Newall Thomas.....	Rocky Springs.....	27
Newman Andy.....	Leaksville.....	150
Newman A J estate.....	Reidsville.....	94
Newman Josiah.....	Leaksville.....	150
Newman Mary Y.....	Hogan.....	124
Newman W F.....	Madison.....	150
Noles Mrs Mary.....	Reidsville.....	310

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
North Alfred.....	Wentworth.....	71
Nunn Jack.....	Lawsonville.....	118
Nunn Miller.....	Lawsonville.....	140
Nunnally J H.....	Ruffin.....	552
Nunnally & Stokes.....	Ruffin.....	128
Oakley Elizabeth.....	Price's Store.....	65½
Oakley Rufus.....	Price's Store.....	50
Odell A J.....	Leaksville.....	291
Odell J L.....	Leaksville.....	28
Odell Thomas.....	Leaksville.....	212
Oliver George.....	Madison.....	40
Oliver Jas L.....	Madison.....	200
Ore W R.....	Hogan.....	130
Osborn C H.....	Leaksville.....	12
Osborn R V.....	Leaksville.....	112
Osborn W T.....	Reidsville.....	8½
Page Mrs Fannie.....	Ruffin.....	107
Page W G.....	Ruffin.....	110
*Palmer Allen.....	Wentworth.....	4
Palmer W S.....	Reidsville.....	100
Pannill John T.....	Wentworth.....	780
*Parham E F.....	Wentworth.....	3
Parish Nancy.....	Monroeton.....	10
Parks Alex.....	Pleasantville.....	130
Parks George.....	Pleasantville.....	199
Parks W B.....	Monroeton.....	105
Parrish Mrs Mary A.....	Reidsville.....	51
Paschal D F.....	Pleasantville.....	50
Paschal E D.....	Lenox Castle.....	232
Paschal E F.....	Lenox Castle.....	10
Paschal John H.....	Reidsville.....	69
Paschal Mariah.....	Reidsville.....	41
Paschal W F.....	Lawsonville.....	400
Patrick H L.....	Monroeton.....	436
Payne Thomas.....	Hogan.....	746
Payne W A.....	Hogan.....	170
Pearson Sullivan.....	Thomasville.....	185
Pearson W A B.....	Thomasville.....	250
Peay G W.....	Leaksville.....	250
Peay Jesse C.....	Hogan.....	136
Peay J Y.....	Hogan.....	37
Peay T C.....	Madison.....	84
Pegram A M.....	Simpson's Store.....	10

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Pegram Elisha	Rocky Springs.....	50
Pegram Martha	Rocky Springs.....	13½
Pegram W A	Hogan	47½
Pegram W C	Hogan	105
Piedmont Rail Road	Richmond, Va	21½
Perkins C T	Reidsville	213
Perkins John S	Reidsville	20
Pettigrew Lem	Reidsville	272
Pettigrew P A	Reidsville	105
Phillips John J	Madison	135
Phillips Robt G	Reidsville	80
Pigg Paul C	Simpson's Store	50
Plummer W W	Rocky Springs.....	42
Pool Thomas I	Reidsville	1
Pool W C	Stoneville	112½
Poteat A	Ruffin	272
Powell Dr E M	Reidsville	1569
Powell J W & Bro	Rocky Springs.....	200
Powell R S	Reidsville	47
Powers B F	Madison	39½
Powers Wm H	Rocky Springs.....	16
Pratt A J	Stoneville	83
Pratt F P	Leaksville	110
Pratt James M	Stoneville	73
Pratt Joseph	Leaksville	345
Pratt Joe H	Leaksville	40
Pratt P J	Leaksville	809
Pratt W F	Leaksville	338
Pratt W J	Leaksville	100
Pratt & Jones	Madison	174½
Preddey Calvin	Thomasville	110
Price Elizabeth	Stoneville	400
Price Ella	Leaksville	120
Price E H	Rocky Springs.....	331
Price Granville	Stoneville	96
Price Harriett	Leaksville	24
Price H M	Ruffin	300
Price J A	Price's Store	120½
Price Jerre Whit	Stoneville	96
Price Joe H	Stoneville	175
Price John A	Price's Store	34
Price John D	Leaksville	138
Price J G guard	Hogan	115

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Price J M.....	Leaksville.....	135
Price John H.....	Madison.....	2739
Price Julia A.....	Simpson's Store.....	221
Price Mamie.....	Leaksville.....	124
*Price Matilda.....	Wentworth.....	50
Price Minnie.....	Hogan.....	293
Price Minnie admr.....	Hogan.....	586
*Price Nat.....	Leaksville.....	25
Price Patrick H.....	Price's Store.....	157
Price Peter D.....	Greensboro.....	1328½
Price Mrs P H.....	Matrimony.....	193
Price Reese.....	Stoneville.....	13½
Price Riddy.....	Stoneville.....	382
Price R P.....	Price's Store.....	314
Price Sawney.....	Leaksville.....	164
Price S A.....	Simpson's Store.....	192
Price S A, W L & J T.....	Hogan.....	9
*Price Thomas.....	Stoneville.....	110
Price Thomas W.....	Stoneville.....	188
Price W H.....	Ruffin.....	50
*Price York.....	Leaksville.....	25
Pritchett Matthew J.....	Reidsville.....	359
Pritchett T H jr.....	Reidsville.....	178
Pritchett T H sr.....	Thomasville.....	400
Pritchett T H R.....	Thomasville.....	257
Pritchett William.....	Reidsville.....	211
Pruitt R H.....	Mayfield.....	445
Pulliam Sallie W.....	Leaksville.....	173
Purcell David.....	Wentworth.....	692
Purcell Susan.....	Non res.....	112
Purgerson Ada L.....	Hogan.....	75
Purgerson T W.....	Wentworth.....	200
Raine Dr J R.....	Wentworth.....	956
Rainey E H.....	Oregon.....	92
Rainey John G estate.....	Reidsville.....	106
Rainey S W.....	Oregon.....	147
Rainey T F.....	Ruffin.....	381
Rakestraw Andrew W.....	Ayersville.....	92
Rakestraw Mrs Ellen.....	Ayersville.....	343
Rakestraw John.....	Wentworth.....	13
Rakestraw Sarah.....	Ayersville.....	70
Ranie J R.....	Wentworth.....	213
Rankin T F.....	Reidsville.....	352

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
*Ratliffe Alfred	Berry	1
Ratliffe Mrs E	Berry	326
Ratliffe Mrs M E agt	Leaksville	527
Ratliffe Thos A	Wentworth	607½
Ratliffe T A guard Stokes heirs	Wentworth	45
Rawley Lewis	Oregon	32
Rawley R L	Ruffin	303
Rawley T L	Reidsville	60
Ray A D	Waddell's	147
Ray Thomas R	Waddell's	63
Reese Edwin	Leaksville	103
*Reid Andrew	Oregon	65
Reid Hon D S	Reidsville	700
Reid Elizabeth	Reidsville	488
Reid H K	Reidsville	921
Reid H K & Allen	Reidsville	157
Reid Hon Jas W	Wentworth	122
Reid Judy	Oregon	16
Reid Minerva	Leaksville	½
Reynolds C A	Winston	55
Reynolds James T sr	Madison	494
Reynolds James T jr	Madison	20
Reynolds P	Leaksville	14½
Reynolds R S	Madison	162
Reynolds Thomas estate	Leaksville	46
Reynolds T J	Reidsville	67
Rhodes Polly	Price's Store	105
Rich Joseph H	Lenox Castle	200
*Richardson George	Madison	8½
*Richardson Jack	Reidsville	2
Richardson Joseph	Berry	266
Richardson Joseph & Son	Ayersville	181
Richardson J A	Reidsville	255
Richardson R P jr	Reidsville	70
Richardson R P	Reidsville	2866
Richardson Wm Jett estate	Case's	171
*Roach Chas	Wentworth	10
Roach Henry	Oregon	53
Roach John A	Reidsville	750
Roach Joshua P	Stoneville	106
Roach Mrs Martha	Ruffin	90
*Roach Mary	Wentworth	1

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Roach Thomas	Wentworth	37
Roberts Arena	Stoneville	243
Roberts Mrs B S	Stoneville	123
Roberts Daniel	Stoneville	130
Roberts Ed S	Stoneville	296
Roberts Fannie	Stoneville	44
Roberts George W	Stoneville	122
Roberts James	Rocky Springs	369
Roberts James D	Leaksville	100
Roberts Jas M	Wentworth	115
Roberts James S	Leaksville	16
Roberts John A	Stoneville	54
Roberts John H	Stoneville	46
Roberts J Ham	Waddell's	137
Roberts John Q	Leaksville	404
Roberts John S	Leaksville	470
Roberts J W	Reidsville	82
Roberts Mary V agt W M		
Roberts	Stoneville	60
Roberts Peter	Leaksville	58
Roberts R J	Rocky Springs	150
Roberts R M	Pleasantville	67
Roberts Samuel	Wentworth	226
Roberts Susan	Madison	52
Roberts T J & W H	Leaksville	30
Roberts Thomas P	Leaksville	133
Roberts Wm M	Stoneville	146 $\frac{2}{3}$
Robertson Archer	Pine Hall	315
Robertson Mrs A D	Mayfield	117
Robertson C M	Ruffin	431
Robertson Miss Fanny J	Reidsville	439
*Robertson Pink	Berry	60
Robertson R H	Leaksville	165
Robertson Susan	Leaksville	10
Robertson T H	Madison	117
Robertson Thos J	Madison	50
Robertson W H	Lenox Castle	161
Robertson W W	Reidsville	255
Rodenheizer J W & Co	Leaksville	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rodenheizer M F	Leaksville	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Roseborough Tom D	Madison	230
Roulhac N R	Leaksville	1550
Rumbly A S	Lenox Castle	126

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Rumbly Nancy J	Rocky Springs	100
R & D R R Co	Richmond, Va	175
Sartin Mrs A J	Lenox Castle	200
Saunders Isaac	Ruffin	205
Saunders Mrs M	Leaksville	140
Saunders Mrs M A	Lawsonville	145
Saunders Milton H	Lenox Castle	216
Saunders R L	Reidsville	155
Saunders Robert P	Leaksville	142
Saunders R T	Leaksville	43
Saunders Thos J	Leaksville	120
Saunders Wm	Lenox Castle	50
Saunders W A admr	Leaksville	355
Saunders W P	Jobe	121
Saunders W P jr	Wentworth	110
Sayers J C	Ruffin	125
Scales Gov A M	Raleigh	735
*Scales Cloe	Madison	3
Scales D R H	Douglas	457
Scales Miss Emma J	Reidsville	624
Scales E F	Stoneville	43½
Scales James H	Madison	146
Scales J H	Leaksville	188
Scales N B	Stoneville	135
Scales Peter	Madison	631
*Scales Starling	Madison	3¾
Scarce T W	Oregon	50
Schoolfield W H	Reidsville	633
Scott Jas J	Wentworth	202
Scott J M	Mayfield	105
Scott T J	Mayfield	34
Scott William heirs H R Scott agt.	Aspen Grove	460
Scott Wm heirs	Monroeton	580
*Searcy Bob	Madison	26
Search Thomas	Madison	145
Searlett R E	Oregon	63
Selp Alvis A	Rocky Springs	50
Setliffe Anderson	Oregon	29
Setliffe Joseph	Oregon	144
Setliffe William	Berry	50
*Settle Anderson	Pleasantville	200
Settle Clem	Pleasantville	100

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Settle David	Wentworth	874
Sharp F F	Aspen Grove	211
Sharp George sr	Aspen Grove	236
Sharp H J	Aspen Grove	149
Sharp J C	Aspen Grove	150
Sharp J H	Wentworth	77
Sharp J H	Aspen Grove	40
Sharp J C admr John Sharp	Price's Store	263
Sharp John estate	Madison	215
Sharp J M sr	Aspen Grove	110
Sharp T R	Leaksville	3101
Sharp W A	Aspen Grove	192
Sheffield J H L	Oregon	196
Sheffield Jesse T	Mayfield	186
Sheppard Jane	Hogan	200
Sheron James	Rocky Springs	111
Shreaves W H	Reidsville	93
Shreaves W H agt	Reidsville	120
Shreves J R	Jobe	307
Shreves Robt W	Leaksville	143
Siddle J B	Locust Hill	244
Simpson A M	Hogan	160
Simpson Edward	Aspen Grove	72
Simpson Miss Elizabeth	Lenox Castle	251
Simpson Dr J Hawkins	Lenox Castle	488
Simpson J T	Rocky Springs	30
Simpson Martha	Rocky Springs	198
Simpson P D	Jobe	112
Simpson P D	Reidsville	222
Simpson P D & Lucas	Jobe	164
Simpson P H	Simpson's Store	425
*Simpson Pink	Wentworth	5
Simpson Robert	Aspen Grove	462
Simpson Simeon	Aspen Grove	240
Simpson T T	Reidsville	130
Sims J W	Stoneville	12
Sims R W	Stoneville	108
Slade Thomas	Lenox Castle	1128
Slater J A	Nance	150
Small D E	Jobe	7
Small James M	Jobe	194
Small Jane L	Monroeton	63
Small Rachel	Jobe	18

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Smith Abe	Stoneville	42
Smith Abray	Stoneville	72
Smith Alford	Stoneville	115
Smith Alex	Leaksville	325
Smith Andrew J	Ayersville	237
Smith B H	Reidsville	419
Smith C L	Stoneville	250
Smith Dr Darian	Price's Store	1182
Smith D W R	Madison	30
Smith D W R for Eliz Smith	Madison	372
Smith Drury E M Scales agt	Douglas	132
Smith Mrs Eliza	Ayersville	537
Smith Elizabeth	Stoneville	278
Smith Frank	Stoneville	191
Smith Gus A	Stoneville	162
Smith Hiram	Walkertown, Stokes co.	137
Smith Hiram	Price's Store	445
Smith Jacob A	Monroeton	33½
Smith James C	Stoneville	195
Smith John R	Madison	191
Smith Josiah	Stoneville	100
Smith J N	Stoneville	171
Smith Dr J R	Stoneville	44
Smith Dr John W	Reidsville	5
Smith J Willie	Reidsville	565
Smith Mourning	Stoneville	75
Smith N S	Leaksville	59
Smith Rebecca	Reidsville	20
Smith Richard	Leaksville	26½
Smith Richard P	Stoneville	82
Smith Rufus	Pleasantville	100
Smith Rufus	Price's Store	84
Smith Sarah	Stoneville	31
Smith Mrs Sallie	Stoneville	205
Smith T J	Stoneville	194
Smith V M	Reidsville	138
Smith Walker	Stoneville	315
Smith Wm C	Stoneville	294
Smith W D	Reidsville	342
Smith W H	Leaksville	150
Smith Dr W R for C Hamlin	Madison	119
Smith Dr W R for Mrs C G Scales	Madison	850

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Smith & Price	Madison	25
Smithey D L	Lenox Castle	256
Smithey Franklin	Lenox Castle	56
Smothers A J	Simpson's Store	150
Smothers J P	Jobe	480
Smothers N W	Reidsville	250
Smothers N W agt A J S	Pleasantville	100
Smothers W C	Aspen Grove	67
Smothers W G	Aspen Grove	98
Snead Anderson	Stoneville	148
Snead J P	Stoneville	68
Snead Sallie	Stoneville	280
Snead W A	Stoneville	116
Sneed Elizabeth	Rocky Springs	224
Sneed Elihu N	Rocky Springs	42
Sneed G W	Rocky Springs	46
Sneed Joseph ex'r	Rocky Springs	43
Sneed L J	Rocky Springs	60
Southard Elizabeth	Rocky Springs	25
Southard Rachel	Rocky Springs	50
Southard W E	Reidsville	15
Southern John	Rocky Springs	100
Southern Nannie J	Rocky Springs	163½
Southern W P ex'r	Rocky Springs	492
Spalding A A	Ruffin	150
Sparks M T	Ruffin	370
Stalling A J	Reidsville	127
Stalling J F	Reidsville	100
Stalling J P F	Reidsville	157
Staly A C	Ruffin	77
Staly Iverson	Ruffin	228
Stanley J W	Lenox Castle	100
Starling Len & Tom	Cascade, Va.	270
Starrett James	Brown Summit	224
Stephens H B	Nance	243
Stewart T W	Hogan	100
Stewart W C	Wentworth	120
Stewart Wm G	Lenox Castle	224
Stire Mrs M	Pleasantville	8
Stire Samuel	Wentworth	114
Stocks T B & Kate	Leaksville	478
Stokes Mrs Betty	Ruffin	253
Stokes C H	Ruffin	147

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Stokes John Y agt	Reidsville	571
Stokes R A	Ruffin	202
Stokes T W	Reidsville	167
Stone Alice E	Baltimore, Md	48
Stone F J	Stoneville	230
Stone F J admr P H Price	Stoneville	193
Stone F J & Co	Stoneville	50
Stone J L	Stoneville	306
Stone Jas M	Stoneville	62
Stone Martha A	Stoneville	594
Stone Pinkney W	Oregon	106
Stone P M heirs	Baltimore, Md	38
Stone Robt L	Reidsville	312
Stone S H	Oregon	112
Strader J A	Mayfield	60
Strader J C	Oregon	80
Strader J C	Simpson's Store	393
Strader J E	Oregon	100
Strader J T	Mayfield	231
Strader Stephen	Ruffin	46
Strader Mrs S T	Mayfield	160
Strader Thos T	Oregon	60
Strong Andrew	Leaksville	200
*Strong George	Leaksville	4
Strong W W	Leaksville	196
*Stubblefield Tom	Ruffin	11
*Stultz Winny	Reidsville	12
Suits Jonathan	Jobe	312
Summers Mrs M L	Lenox Castle	273
Summers Pinkney	Reidsville	178
Summers W M	Berry	101
Suttenfield Jas M	Mayo	200
Suttle W M	Berry	371
Suthard Martha	Jobe	100
Suthard W E	Berry	168
Suthard W R	Berry	132
Swann J J	Mayfield	100
Tally J B	Wentworth	384
Tally Locky A	Stoneville	115
Tally W R	Reidsville	168
Taylor Mary F	Simpson's Store	650
Terrell Mrs Nancy	Lenox Castle	85
Terry C G	Reidsville	325

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Terry C J.....	Reidsville.....	485
Thacker Abner.....	Thomasville.....	80
Thacker Anna.....	Price's Store.....	91
Thacker Chesley.....	Price's Store.....	32
Thacker Joseph.....	Reidsville.....	185½
Thacker Larkin.....	Reidsville.....	85
Thomas James.....	Leaksville.....	184
Thomas James H.....	Leaksville.....	85
Thomas John A.....	Stoneville.....	300
Thomas Martin.....	Rocky Springs.....	178
Thomas Phoebe.....	Rocky Springs.....	100
Thomas Thos.....	Rocky Springs.....	41½
Thomas W Z.....	Leaksville.....	95½
Thompson Elijah.....	Leaksville.....	240
*Thompson John.....	Leaksville.....	24
Thompson Mrs Nancy.....	Leaksville.....	70
*Thompson N.....	Leaksville.....	28
*Thompson Polk.....	Leaksville.....	50
*Thompson Richard.....	Leaksville.....	90
Tidball Mrs Maria.....	Greensboro.....	175
Totten J H.....	Lenox Castle.....	450
Totten M Z.....	Lenox Castle.....	89
Totten T R.....	Thomasville.....	180
Trent B F.....	Reidsville.....	125
Trent J G.....	Reidsville.....	83
Trogden Mrs R F.....	Waddell's.....	1142½
Troxler A R.....	Brown Summit.....	460
Troxler Barney.....	Rocky Springs.....	597
Troxler Louisa.....	Rocky Springs.....	150
Truitt Levi.....	Simpson's Store.....	30
Truitt Lewis.....	Simpson's Store.....	134
Truitt Spencer.....	Simpson's Store.....	50
Truitt S G.....	Simpson's Store.....	274
Truitt Thomas.....	Madison.....	103
Truitt W C.....	Madison.....	86½
Tucker Elizabeth.....	Stoneville.....	59
Tucker Francis heirs.....	Rocky Springs.....	114
Tucker Mary.....	Rocky Springs.....	50
Tucker S M.....	Hogan.....	106
Tulloch James.....	Ruffin.....	116
Turner B F.....	Rocky Springs.....	50
Turner G W.....	Rocky Springs.....	67
Turner Harden.....	Stoneville.....	231

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Turner J R	Stoneville	53
Turner John R	Rocky Springs	105
Turner W A	Reidsville	85
Turner William J	Rocky Springs	106
*Underdue John	Wentworth	40
Vaden John B	Madison	1
Vaden R G	Winston	1
Vanhook Thos W heirs	Brown Summit	636
Vaughn E B	Rocky Springs	245
Vaughn James M	Brown Summit	253
Vaughn Joe M	Madison	114½
Vaughn J M	Madison	498
Vaughn J M exr P Black dec'd	Madison	130
Vaughn T F	Rocky Springs	185
Venable Mrs Martha R	Non res	190
Vernon D M	Leaksville	162
Vernon James A	Mayo	111
Vernon James A guard	Mayo	101
Vernon John	Leaksville	324½
Vernon J W	Stoneville	76
Vernon Mrs Lethe	Mayo	9
Vernon Milly	Mayo	127½
Vernon Richard H	Mayo	91
Vernon Samuel	Stoneville	315
Vernon Wm estate	Madison	15
Wade E E	Monroeton	366
Wade G B	Leaksville	491
Wade Joseph	Leaksville	414
Wade Mary L	Leaksville	60
Walker Alfred	Reidsville	140
Walker A F	Oregon	70
Walker Francis F	Madison	55
Walker Geo T	Reidsville	136
Walker Mrs H D	Reidsville	229
Walker H T	Rocky Springs	55
Walker James	Reidsville	250
Walker J M	Ruffin	215
Walker J T	Reidsville	78
Walker Juda	Rocky Springs	10
Walker Martha J	Monroeton	238

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Walker P G W	Rocky Springs	140
Walker P M	Reidsville	34
Walker Samuel Y	Reidsville	78
Walker S Y	Lawsonville	144
Walker Wm L	Reidsville	249
Walker W P	Reidsville	100
Walker W S	Aspen Grove	75
Wall Albert	Wentworth	312
Wall J C	Oregon	401
Wall J G & R N	Madison	168
Wall James M	Madison	93½
Wall James T	Reidsville	155
Wall J T	Madison	227
Wall Mary A	Madison	494
Wall Miss M C	Wentworth	123
*Wall Nat	Madison	¾
Wall R P	Danville, Va.	118
Wall S S	Madison	1½
Wall S S & Z L	Madison	½
Wall W D	Oregon	508
Wall W H	Oregon	100
Wall W R	Madison	225
*Wall W T	Madison	60
Wall Zack L	Madison	122½
Wall Z Lindsay	Madison	208
Walters J W	Leaksville	103
Ware J T	Madison	82
Ware Nat	Thompsonville	529
Warf T F	Mayfield	160
Warren Henry	Brown Summit	230
Warriner C J	Ruffin	125
Warriner L M	Ruffin	156
Warriner R L	Locust Hill	89
Warriner W H	Ruffin	125
Warsham Mrs Julia	Ruffin	133
Washburn J D	Hogan	130
Watkins J W	Oregon	42
Watkins Robt	Oregon	113
Watkins Sam	Oregon	6
Watkins & Lovelace	Oregon	123

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Watlington John	Mayfield	98
Watson H L P	Brown Summit	205
Watson W C	Ayersville	1
*Watt Garland	Reidsville	96
Watt R B	Yanceyville	766
Watt Sam	Nance	115
Watt Mrs S S	Lawsonville	1828
Watt John, W H Price agt	Ruffin	900
*Waugh Lee	Pleasantville	290
Waynick J J N	Brown Summit	120
Waynick P D	Lenox Castle	352
Webb D H	Pleasantville	146
Webb John B	Leaksville	120
Webb Mrs Nancy	Ayersville	181
Webb Toliver E	Pleasantville	140
Webb William	Ayersville	218
Webster B R	Madison	931
Webster John R	Rocky Springs	70
Webster Joseph	Rocky Springs	47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Webster, Lanten & Co	Madison	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Webster Martha E	Rocky Springs	77
Webster Martha E for heirs	Rocky Springs	68
Webster M H	Rocky Springs	216
Webster R P	Madison	120
Webster Sam	Case's	44
*Webster Sam son of M	Madison	2
Webster W A	Rocky Springs	38
Welch Docal	Rocky Springs	108
Wells James T	Pleasantville	87
Wells P A	Pleasantville	87
Wells W P	Pleasantville	87
Westbrook Granson	Reidsville	150
Wharton R G	Ruffin	3
Wheeler H J	Reidsville	135
White C F	Rocky Springs	153
White J M	Rocky Springs	150
White J W	Rocky Springs	711
Whitmore A J	Wentworth	250
Whitmore I B	Wentworth	1136
Whitmore Mrs T W	Ruffin	91

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Whitsett A M	Reidsville	961
Whitsett Mrs James B	Reidsville	90
Whitsett Mrs Lucy F	Reidsville	45
Whitsett & Crafton	Reidsville	12
Whitt Hunter L	Lenox Castle	254
Wiles Lucy	Reidsville	100
Williams A G	Aspen Grove	216
Williams Able L	Pleasantville	425
Williams Chas T	Leaksville	184
Williams Catharine	Simpson's Store	141
Williams C J L	Reidsville	34
Williams C J L agt	Reidsville	130
Williams C J L agt	Reidsville	68
Williams Eliza	Reidsville	83
Williams E R	Aspen Grove	448
Williams F B	Aspen Grove	117
Williams G D	Reidsville	328
Williams Hubbard	Reidsville	130
Williams James H	Berry	115
Williams J F	Madison	105
Williams John H	Simpson's Store	331
Williams J L	Ruffin	292
Williams Julia A	Hogan	79
Williams Margaret T	Aspen Grove	50
Williams Mrs Mary & Scott	Reidsville	38
Williams Mary Ann	Reidsville	327
Williams P S	Aspen Grove	452
Williams R A	Aspen Grove	377
Williams Richard D	Hogan	84
Williams Richard O	Simpson's Store	45
Williams R S	Simpson's Store	234
Williams Mrs Sallie	Waddell's	148
Williams Samuel B	Reidsville	60
Williams Susan	Madison	162
Williams S G	Reidsville	319
Williams Thomas	Jobe	33
Williams Washington	Aspen Grove	35
Williams Wm S	Leaksville	127
Wilson B G	Hogan	442
Wilson D F	Hogan	223
Wilson Geo W	Jobe	62

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Wilson J P	Wentworth	50
Wilson John P	Hogan	4
Wilson John S	Berry	190
Wilson J W	Hogan	80
Wilson P P	Non res	161½
Wilson Samuel	Non res	200
Wilson S P	Leaksville	1374
Windsor Mrs Mary	Reidsville	145
*Winsor George A	Reidsville	9
Withers Warren	Rocky Springs	52
Witty M J	Aspen Grove	150
Witty W I	Aspen Grove	258
Witty W I admr	Aspen Grove	50
Womack A	Ruffin	702
Woolen C W	Jobe	172
Wooten Clement	Reidsville	19
Wray A W	Wentworth	54½
Wray Prisulla	Reidsville	140
Wray R H	Reidsville	75
Wray S B	Wertworth	10
Wright D L	Reidsville	559
Wright G R	Monroeton	233
Wright J L	Ruffin	186
*Wright Martha	Reidsville	12
*Wright Nora	Wentworth	2
Wright W B	Ruffin	171
Wright W L	Ruffin	200
Wyatt John R	Leaksville	98½
Yates J L	Mayfield	96
Young Benjamin	Rocky Springs	50
Young Mrs Demarius	Madison	230
Young J T	Nance	11
Young Nellie	Rocky Springs	40
Young Rebecca	Rocky Springs	100
Young R J	Reidsville	63
York H H	Rocky Springs	67

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A typical log home in the Bowman Town area of Rockingham County built in the nineteenth century.

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MURDER ON HOGAN'S CREEK

by
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One of the most sensational murder cases that ever occurred in Rockingham County happened on "Lower" Hogan's Creek in the spring of 1877. The victim was Theresa Ann Cannon (also spelled Kennon), the wife of Thomas Pinkney Bowman. The couple resided in "Bowman Town" a farm settlement near the Caswell County line. (1) A little over two years later Theresa's husband Thomas Pinkney Bowman was hanged for poisoning her after two sensational trials and an appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The Bowman Family

The Rockingham County Bowmans appear to have descended from a family of that name who settled in Henrico County, Virginia, in the late seventeenth century. A descendant of the family, John Bowman married Sarah Royal and their son Robert Bowman moved to Amelia County, Virginia, by 1739. (2) Robert died in Amelia County ca. 1745 and in his will he named Royal Bowman as one of his sons. (3) The Royal (Ryal) name continued to be used in this family for a number of generations.

The portion of Amelia County where the Bowmans resided was formed into Prince Edward County in 1754. Records of the new county show that Royal Bowman married Elizabeth Morton in May 1756. (4)

In 1771 Royal Bowman purchased a tract of 585 acres of land that lay along the border of Charlotte and Prince Edward Counties. (5) By 1774 he had settled on his land in Charlotte County and both he and his sons Robert and Thomas are listed in the tax records of Charlotte County in 1782. (6)

In 1787 Royal, his family and his wife's relatives, the Mortons, moved to Caswell County, North Carolina. There Royal purchased a 300 acre farm on Country Line Creek. (7)

Royal lived only a few years after moving to Caswell County. On 20 June 1791 he wrote a will leaving property to his wife and sons: Robert, Samuel, Joseph Royal, Leak (?), Thomas, Leonard and a son-in-law Simon Roberts. Shortly after he wrote his will Royal died and the will was probated. (8)

It seems likely that Royal (also called Ryal) of Rockingham County was a grandson of Royal of Caswell who died in 1791. He is perhaps a son of Robert Bowman of Caswell who moved to Rockingham County by the time of the 1820 census. (9) A John Bowman who moved to the State of Georgia in 1829 (or 1839) appears to be a brother of Ryal Bowman of Rockingham. (10)

Ryal Bowman

According to the 1850 census Ryal Bowman of Rockingham was born in North Carolina in 1790. He may not have known his exact date of birth as he lists his birthday as 1793 in 1860. Then in the 1870 census he is shown as being born in 1796. (11) This is not unusual, as many people of the period did not know their exact age.

The first record of Ryal Bowman in Rockingham County is in December 1826 when he married Susan Windsor, a daughter of John Windsor, Sr. and his wife Susannah. (12) However, it is possible that he was a resident of Caswell County and may have come to Rockingham to marry Susan since the marriage occurred in the county of the residence of the bride. Ryal is a resident of Rockingham County on 20 April 1831 when he sold 640 acres of land in Carrell County, Tennessee for \$92.50. The witnesses to this deed are John and William Windsor. (13) No other information has been found on this property or how Ryal came into possession of the land.

In May 1832 the county court of Rockingham appointed Ryal Bowman as constable in the district where he resided. He only served in the position for nine months before he was replaced by Wiley Bowman who may have been his brother. (14)

During the time span 1830s-1850s Ryal purchased several tracts of land along "Lower" Hogan's Creek in Rockingham County. The deeds for the land were never recorded in the courthouse so the exact date he purchased the property is not known. According to the amount of land he later sold and what he owned at the time of his death, his total holdings amounted to at least 1,000 acres. (15) His Bowman Town plantation reached from the Slade farm north including the Rockingham Fishing Club Lake all the way to and across the Tate Road.(16)

The 1860 Agricultural Census gives some details on Ryal's farm operation. The farm at that time is listed as containing 700 acres of which 200 acres was improved land meaning it was cultivated or was pasture land. The remaining 500 acres was in woodland. During the crop year of 1859 the farm produced 100 bushels of wheat, 15 bushels of rye, 1,000 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of oats and 5,000 pounds of tobacco. Foodstuffs

produced in 1859 included 23 bushels of peas or beans, 40 bushels of sweet potatoes, 100 pounds of butter and 105 pounds of honey. Livestock on the farm were: two horses, 3 mules, 2 work oxen, 5 milk cows, 10 other cattle, 8 sheep and 30 swine.(17) In 1850 Ryal was listed as the owner of four slaves and ten years later this number had increased to sixteen.(18)

Bowmans to Georgia

Around 1843 Ryal Bowman moved his family to Bibb County, Georgia where he had purchased land. Some years prior to this move Ryal's brother John had moved his family to the same county in Georgia. John had moved south in 1829 or 1839. (19) John died in Bibb County on 16 December 1855 at age 73. His obituary stated that he died at his home in Vineland and that he was "an old and respected citizen of the county." (20) He left a will in which he mentioned several daughters who had married Rockingham County men before they migrated to Bibb County. These daughters were: Catherine, married Larken Smithy in 1834; Mary, married Alfred Windsor; and Temesur, married William C. Rice in 1839. (21) John's first wife had died and on 10 August 1848 he married Eliza A. Gilbert, a widow in Bibb County. (22) She survived John by eight years dying in 1866. Both were buried in the Gilbert-Bowman Cemetery in Bibb County. There were no children by the second marriage. (23)

After living in Bibb County for several years, Ryal and Susan returned to Rockingham County. It appears that their son Thomas Pinkney remained in Bibb County for some years perhaps living with his relatives – the John Bowman family (24).

Children of Ryal and Susan

The Bowmans had five children: Eliza Bowman (1829-1901), married Joseph Thacker of Rockingham County in 1849; George Ryal Bowman, married Sarah Williams (1838-1891) in Rockingham County in 1856; a son who died young in Bibb County; Sarah J. Bowman (born 1833), married Samuel D. Fuller in Bibb County in 1849; and Thomas Pinkney (1830-1879) who married Theresa Ann Cannon in Caswell County in 1856 (25). Ryal's daughter Sarah Bowman Fuller had moved to Wilcox County, Georgia by 1860 and appears to have had only one surviving child, Fanny Fuller Monroe, who also lived in Wilcox County, Georgia in 1900. (26)

Thomas Pinkney Bowman Sketch

In the Pinkney Bowman autobiographical sketch, written shortly before he was hung, he states that he was born on 18 August 1839 in Rockingham County, North Carolina. [1830] He said he was raised by Riley [Ryal] Bowman and his wife Susan and that Ryal was an “honored father” and Susan was a “good mother.” He says he was thirteen years old when they moved to Georgia. This would have been around the year 1843. There on his father’s plantation he got into his first bad habit. He does not say what this bad habit was – liquor or women. He stated that he remained in Georgia until 1859 [1856?] when he returned to Rockingham County. (27)

Pinkney’s Marriage

He was in Caswell County, North Carolina by 1856 when he married Theresa Ann Cannon [Kennon], the daughter of Reubin Cannon. (28) Her father, Reubin, died in Caswell County ca. December 1857. (29) He owned a farm on Moon’s Creek and was the owner of sixteen slaves in 1850. At the Reubin estate sale in 1858 Pinkney and Theresa purchased two slaves at a cost of \$1,200. Pinkney did not get along with Theresa’s brothers who were the administrators of her father’s estate. In fact, the settlement of the estate resulted in a lawsuit that lasted for several years before the matter was settled. (30)

Pinkney and Theresa lived with his parents in Rockingham for the first two years of their marriage. The 1860 census lists him as the overseer of his father’s plantation. In the same census Pinkney and Theresa were listed as the owner of three slaves. (31)

Bowman’s Confederate Service

In his life sketch Pinkney wrote a brief description of his service in the Confederate Army. He wrote that in 1861 he entered the regular army and served one year. After that “I was conscripted for two years. In July 1863 I was wounded in Maryland and...[later]...I returned to my command and was wounded the second time at Spottsylvania Courthouse, Virginia and was disabled till the close of the War.” However, Pinkney left out part of his service according to the Official Records of the Civil War. These records state that both Pinkney and his brother George Ryal joined Company K of the 13th Regiment of North Carolina State Troops under the command of Captain Giles P. Bailey of Lawsonville. He gave his age as 24 when he joined on 22 May 1861. He was wounded at the Battle of

South Mountain, Maryland on 14 September 1862. Around 20 December 1862 he deserted his company "when he took the woods." He was reported as a deserter from 1 March 1863 until he was "sent back to his command on 20 February 1864." He was wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia on 5 May 1864 and was reported absent wounded through October 1864. (32) Here the records end and it is probable that he deserted again. A local tradition in the Bowman Town community says Pinkney hid out in a cave during a portion of the war. (33) His brother, George Ryal, served as a corporal for a short time but was later reduced in rank. He deserted at Fredericksburg, Virginia and his Confederate service ended there. (34)

Pinkney's Troubles

Pinkney Bowman wrote in his life sketch that "In 1865 I returned home and met my dear wife. It seemed to be mutually pleasant to us both." But he soon "... took up with two gamblers and this was the first start of my severe trouble and from this I got to hard drinking... [and] was never satisfied when at home." He also had other troubles when he co-signed a \$6,000 note. The couple was saved from ruin by one of his wife's relatives. He also killed someone's horse but claimed that it was not his fault. As his troubles continued to multiply, he decided to return to the State of Georgia. (35) Sometime between 1867 and 1869 the couple moved to Irwin County, Georgia where they were recorded in the 1870 census. In the census, Pinkney reported his age as 30 and his wife was listed as age 33. Their surviving daughter Eliza Jane was listed as being four years of age. They all are listed as being born in North Carolina. Pinkney is listed as being engaged in the farming and timber business. He is also listed as the owner of \$1,200 worth of property. (36)

Theresa Bowman suffered severe health problems in Georgia and her doctor was unable to help her. (37) Although gravely ill, she survived and the family returned to Bowman Town in Rockingham County. The exact date of their return is unknown but it was around 1872.

The Bowmans' home was a single room log house with a separate log kitchen nearby. The main house had a cellar underneath. A person who knew where the Bowman home was located stated that the house was situated on a beautiful site on a ridge. The house stood until well into the 20th century and the site was for many years marked by a shallow cellar hole. (38)

Ryal Bowman's Troubles

Ryal Bowman's wife Susan died of pneumonia in 1859 at the age of 53 and her place of burial is unknown. (39) In so far as is known, her husband never remarried. He continued to reside in his homeplace which were three separate log rooms in a row. At some point shed rooms were built between the rooms joining all the building together. The house was across a branch south of Tate Road. The structure which stood near a spring survived into the mid-20th century when it was burned by a group of incendiaries. (40)

With the passing years Ryal Bowman encountered financial problems and on 9 December 1866 he sold 250 acres of his property to his son George Ryal Bowman for the sum of \$1,000. (41) In March 1869 Ryal filed for bankruptcy and petitioned for a homestead exemption, which saved his home and part of his land. (42) On 18 September 1869 Ryal sold 300 acres of his property to Thorton Lynn for the sum of \$1,000 probably in an effort to pay off some of his debts. (43) By 1870 he was involved in a lawsuit concerning the Robert Rice estate. The court granted a judgement against him and ordered that the sheriff sell 100 acres of his land to pay part of a judgement against him. (44)

Ryal Bowman's Death

Bowman died sometime ca. 1873. While his place of burial is not known, he is likely buried in the cemetery on the land he sold to Thorton Lynn (later David Paschal place) and also where his son Pinkney was later buried. (45) Reidsville businessman, Mortimer Oakes, was appointed as the administrator of the Ryal Bowman estate. (46) On 10 June 1873 Oakes sold the remaining 400 acres of the Bowman land to Joseph Thacker, a son-in-law of Ryal. (47) Thacker paid \$1,586 for the property. On 26 June 1874 Pinkney Bowman and George Ryal Bowman sold all their interest in the Bowman estate to Joseph Thacker. In 1876 George R. Bowman and wife sold their 250 acres of the former Bowman land. (48) Most of the Bowman land continued to be owned by the Thacker descendants until the mid-20th century.

Pinkney Bowman's Troubles Continue

Pinkney seems to have had a bad reputation in the Bowman Town community. One tradition says he once stole a cow from one of his neighbors and after killing the animal he hid the meat in a cave in the hills along

Hogan's Creek. When authorities came to his house to inquire about the missing cow, his wife was cooking a pot of soap over the fireplace and the cow's chain was lying on the hearth. When Pinkney heard the knock on the door he quickly picked up the cow chain and threw it into the stew pot so the law official would not see it. (49) The local newspaper in Reidsville also gave him a bad reputation saying that he was "...a member of an organized band of robbers who ... make frequent raids upon their neighbors' property" and practice free love. This report is probably one reason that his later murder trial was moved to Guilford County. (50)

Pinkney wrote of his wife "...I didn't marry her for her beauty nor for riches, for she didn't have either. I married her for love..." He also wrote they "...tried as hard to live together as most men and wives, though we would sometimes fall out." She was "...a poor, jealous hearted girl. She was kind to me till about a year before her death when she began to take her first lessons under the Cole woman and took the Dill woman [in] to my house to live."

As Theresa's case of tuberculosis advanced, her health declined and she had coughing spells and complained of pain in her chest. Her doctor, James Thomas Ware (1831-1891), directed that she take a little whiskey as a tonic in the mornings. She also continued to smoke a pipe and to chew tobacco. As her health continued to decline she became more irritable and became an embittered old woman. (51)

Sometime during this timespan "P", as Theresa called her husband, began to visit a woman named Eliza McCain who lived at the home of Bird Williamson in one of the tenant houses on the Bowman farm. Also at some point Pinkney asked his wife for a divorce but she refused. (52)

Finally, events came to a head in April 1877 when Pinkney visited his neighbors and told them that "he saw great trouble with his wife and saw no peace with her and would give anybody, woman or man, some corn, a hog and a fine suit of clothes to poison her." His neighbors refused to take this offer and he stated he "...would get someone else to do it or he would do it himself." This statement repeated as testimony at his murder trial no doubt put the noose around his neck. (53)

On the morning of 30 April 1877 she drank her daily tonic of whiskey and within a few hours she died an agonizing death for the poison which it contained. Her last words to her husband were "...I'm poisoned and I got my dose in the liquor you gave me this morning." (54) On 1 May 1877 Theresa Cannon Bowman was buried in a cemetery about one mile from her home. As requested, she was buried in her black silk dress. (55) Only a field rock marks her grave. (56)

Since Theresa had died under suspicious circumstances, the neighbors began to discuss the possibility that Pinkney had poisoned her. It also became known that he had recently purchased strychnine at a Reidsville drug store supposedly to kill crows in his cornfield. Soon, Theresa's brother had obtained enough circumstantial evidence to secure a bench warrant for the arrest of Pinkney on a murder charge. (57) When the warrant was served by Deputy Sheriff Bennett, Bowman was found in the cabin of his girlfriend Eliza McCain. (58) Now his real troubles were about to begin!

Following a trial in Guilford County in December 1877, an appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1878 and a final trial in Randolph County in August 1879, Thomas Pinkney Bowman paid the ultimate price for the murder of his wife. He was hung in Asheboro, North Carolina, on 29 August 1879 still declaring that he was innocent of the killing of his wife. (59)

NOTES

1. Bowman Town was a nickname for the Bowman Plantation. It was not a real town, just a farm settlement that lost its identity by the early 20th century.
2. Family Tree Maker's Genealogy Report, Ancestor of James Leslie Bowman, Internet website.
3. Amelia County, Virginia, Will Book 1, page 38. The name Royal and Ryal are used interchangeably in this family for over 100 years.
4. Prince Edward County, Virginia Marriage Records, 1754-1810. The marriage record is dated 18 May 1756 and shows that Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Morton.
5. Charlotte County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, page 494, Deed Book 3, page 432.
6. Ancestry.com, Virginia Census 1602-1890. In 1782 Royal Bowman is listed in Charlotte County.
7. Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book E, page 219. Royal paid \$200 for this property.
8. Caswell County, North Carolina, Will Book B, page 407.
9. While it is not proved that Robert Bowman was the father of Ryal Bowman of Rockingham, he seems the most likely candidate. Robert may be the Robert Bowman who married Sarah Foster in November 1780 in Charlotte County, Virginia, before the family moved to Caswell County.
10. Various records show that John Bowman of Georgia was closely related to Ryal Bowman of Rockingham County, likely being his brother. Several of John's daughters married men from Rockingham before they moved to Georgia.
11. Rockingham County Censuses: 1850, 1860 and 1870.
12. Marriage Bonds of Rockingham County, 1786-1868. See The Heritage of Caswell County, North Carolina, page 600 that contains an article on the Windsor family written by Helen W. Booth. Susan's parents were John Windsor, Jr. and Susannah Hornbuckle who were married in 1795. See Rockingham County Deed Book P, page 25 which shows that the name Susan and Susannah were sometimes used interchangeably.
13. Rockingham County Deed Book 2dC, page 17.
14. Rockingham County Court Minutes; 1832, 1833-1842.

15. Ryal recorded no deeds when he purchased his land but the amount of acres can be determined by what he later sold.
16. Tradition from Alfonso Allen (1920-2003), a lifetime resident of the Grooms Road. Interview by Bob Carter 17 July 2002.
17. Agricultural Census, Rockingham County, 1860.
18. Census Schedule of Rockingham County Slave owners; 1850, 1860.
19. See Thomas Pinkney Bowman sketch of his life. Bibb County web page. John's tombstone says he moved to Georgia in 1829; however, it seems more likely that the correct date is 1839 since several of his daughters married in Rockingham in the 1830s.
20. The Macon Messenger, 19 December 1855 contains John's obituary.
21. Bibb County Will Book B, pages 47, 69-70, and Rockingham County Marriage Bonds.
22. Bibb County Marriage Book B, 1838-1858.
23. Tombstones in the Gilbert-Bowman Cemetery, Bibb County, Georgia.
24. Rockingham County Census, 1850. Thomas Pinkney Bowman's life sketch.
25. Rockingham County Appointments of Executors, 1868-1895, page 97. Information from censuses, T. P. Bowman's life story, records in Bibb County, Georgia, Rockingham and Caswell Counties, North Carolina.
26. Ryal's daughter, Sarah Fuller of Georgia, seems to have been forgotten by people in Rockingham. Her 1849 marriage is listed in The Macon Messenger 25 December 1849. The Fullers are listed in the 1850 census of Bibb County and the Wilcox County census of 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900.
27. Pinkney Bowman wrote his life sketch shortly before he was hung in 1879 to raise money for his daughter Eliza Jane. A copy of the sketch was located in the Asheboro, North Carolina, public library. It was reprinted in The Asheboro Courier-Tribune, 6 March 1958. The sketch gives Bowman's birth year as 1839. This is probably a misprint as some records show he was born ca. 1830.
28. Caswell County Marriage bonds dated 22 December 1856.
29. Caswell County Estates Records, 1772-1944, Jordan-Kerr folder, N. C. State Archives, CR 020.568.47.
30. 1850 Caswell County Census, Slave Owners schedule. Also Caswell deeds. See note number 29. Also Caswell County Will Book S, pp. 118, 297.
31. Rockingham County Census 1860. Also slave owners schedule 1860.
32. See Pinkney Bowman life sketch and W. T. Jordan, Jr., North Carolina Troops 1861-1865: A Roster, (Raleigh, North Carolina: Division of Archives & History, 1975), Volume V, page 376.
33. Tradition from Carolyn Allen Chilton, August 2007.
34. See note under 32.
35. See note under 27. (Life sketch) The writer copied from the distillery record book of A. R. Paschal that T. P. Bowman purchased 10 gallons of brandy in August 1866.
36. 1870 Census of Irwin County, Georgia.
37. See note under 27. (Life sketch)
38. See North Carolina Supreme Court papers, State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Wheeler Hancock, a surveyor, drew out a plot of the Bowman home area that is in the Supreme Court papers of Bowman's appeal. Alfonso Allen also described the Bowman buildings to Bob Carter 17 July 2002. Also see note 16.
39. Rockingham County Census, 1860 Mortality Schedule for Susan's death.
40. See notes 16 and 38.
41. Rockingham County Deed Book, 2dY, page 592. This land passed into the hands of the Thacker family who were relatives of Ryal Bowman.
42. Rockingham County Deed Book, 2dY, page 259.
43. Rockingham County Deed Book, 2dY, page 529.
44. Rockingham County Deed Book, 3dB, page 104.
45. There was a cemetery on the Bowman land near the Caswell County line; however, there is no clue as to who is buried there – whites or blacks. Tradition from Carolyn A. Chilton, August 2007
46. Mortimer Oakes came to Reidsville when the Piedmont Railroad was built during the Civil War. He later moved to Virginia and died in Patrick County. See note number 25.

47. Rockingham County Deed Book, 3dF, page 543.
48. Rockingham County Deed Book, 3dD, page 339; Deed Book 3dG, page 48.
49. Tradition from Carolyn A. Chilton, August 2007. Von Neal, Rockingham Fishing Club Remembered, 1939-1989, Reidsville, N. C. privately printed, 1989), page 16.
50. The Greensborough Patriot, 30 May 1877. The Patriot copied the story from The Reidsville News. It was this kind of publicity that caused the Bowman Trial to be moved from Rockingham to Guilford County.
51. Pinkney Bowman sketch of his life. See note number 27. Dr. James Thomas Ware (1831-1891) was the son of Ansel Ware (1802-1872) and wife Elizabeth Matlock (1811-1880) of Caswell County. He practiced medicine in Caswell County during the 1860s and 1870s and later moved to Danville where he died on 13 January 1891 of Bright's Disease at age 60 years. He was buried in his sister's plot in Green Hill Cemetery but has no tombstone. Information from John E. Griffin, Caswell County, September 2007. Also see note number 27.
52. Testimony from the Guilford County Trial of Pinkney Bowman found in the North Carolina Supreme Court records. The testimony was sent to the Supreme Court in Raleigh when he appealed and received a new trial in Randolph County.
53. Ibid. Testimony of Louisa Lynn during the Guilford County Trial.
54. Ibid. Testimony of Martha Cole.
55. Ibid. Testimony of William Summers.
56. Alfonso Allen said his mother pointed out Theresa's grave to him when he was a young man. Information to Bob Carter from Alfonso Allen 17 July 2002.
57. See note under 52.
58. Ibid.
59. At the time of the Bowman hanging the population of Asheboro was about 200. From Wikipedia on the Internet.

(Several newspaper reports and other material concerning the Bowman trials and execution follow this article.)

WIFE POISONING IN ROCKINGHAM

Ever since last Tuesday evening our community has been stirred to the deepest depths from unearthing a murder so fiendish and diabolical that would stagger human credibility if we were not confronted by a considerable mass of direct and circumstantial evidence. It has been hard for us to believe that any mortal man could so crust his heart as if it was with the iron of sin that the devil coolly devise and execute a plan which would result in the murdering the wife of bosom and the mother of his children, in order that he might be more unreservedly case himself into the arms of his black paramour. The party charged with the heinous crime rejoices in the name of T. P. Bowman and lives in the extreme eastern portion of the county, on Hogan's Creek very near the Caswell line. We certainly have no disposition to misrepresent any of the existing facts in this case and thus prejudice the public mind against the unhappy and unfortunate man, but the chain of evidence is so strong that it would drag through the five oceans in a vessel weighing five times as much as the "The Great Eastern."

For cold-blooded atrocity and desperate determined coolness this murder stands without a parallel in the criminal records of this county. There is not "the shadow of a reasonable doubt" but that in addition to the murdering of his wife, he is a member of an organization band of robbers who in addition to making frequent raids upon their neighbors property, are today practicing a system of free love in which like a "Moral Cancer" is eating into the vitals of the community.

His wife had not been dead over three weeks when arrested he was out in a Negro cabin, locked in the embrace of his Negro paramour while four lewd women (two white and two black) were playing cards in his wife's room. We hereby notify his guilty confederates that they are "spotted" and unless they seek safety in a speedy flight, the iron grip of a violated and outraged law will soon be upon their throats. Strychnine was the poison used and was given in whiskey. The evidence shows him not only to have been a bold, bad man but that he had been cruel to his wife and has threatened her life before, she had been daily expecting to be fully murdered and had freely given expression to her fears and in the agony of the death she turned to her fiend of a husband and told him there was poison in the liquor and that she was done for. It was with the utmost difficulty that some of the witnesses could be induced to testify, through fear of this desperado and equally as guilty associates. The *Post mortem* examination was made by

Drs. Keen and Smith. The stomach was found to be entirely empty when taken out and placed in a glass jar and will be forwarded for analysis. E. W. Hancock of Wentworth acted as coroner and evinced a commendable zeal in bringing the prisoner to justice.

(From: The Greensborough Patriot, 30 May 1877, as copied from the Reidsville News)

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State vs Thomas P. Bowman

Fall Term 1877: Indictment for Murder

The Grand Jury fine that Thomas P. Bowman, late of Rockingham County, laborer, did kill on April 13 [30], 1877 with a large quantity of deadly poison called strychnine in a certain quantity of Whiskey drunk by Thurza A. Bowman who became sick and died that day.

Thomas P. Bowman bought before the bar and saith: He is not guilty.

Motion this cause to be removed to the County of Guilford and set for December 13, 1877.

Sheriff to take said Bowman to Guilford County.

THE BOWMAN MURDER TRIAL, I (GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.)

The trial of the case which was moved from Rockingham to this county last Thursday and is still in progress – Out of the venire of 150 summoned about one half were rejected for various reasons before the jury was selected which consists of the following gentlemen: Samuel Sechrest. Jas. A. Gray, B. H. Fields, Leven Stack, J. V. Lindley, A. Y. Shaw, D. M. Bennett, Wm. P. McLean, J. A. Hardin, George Kirkman, Wm. P. Wharton and Geo. O. Hoskins. The selection of the jury consumed the forenoon.

The State is represented in the case by Col. T. Ruffin, Messrs. Boyd & Reid and Solicitor Strudwick, the defendant by Ex-Governor Reid and Thomas Reid and Messrs. Glenn and Glenn.

The prisoner, Thomas P. Bowman, a man apparently of middle age, medium size, sits in the dock with his daughter, a sprightly little girl of about ten years, beside him. The Court House has been crammed from the beginning of the trial.

There are twenty-nine witnesses summoned by the State and nineteen by the defendant including Prof. A. F. Redd (Prof. at Chapel Hill who analyzed the contents of the stomach of the dead woman). Drs. Jeff Scales, T. W. Keen, J. T. Ware, J. W. Smith and R. K. Gregory as scientific experts, summoned by the State, and Dr. Jno. G. Brodnax, by the defense.

The crime charged is that Thomas P. Bowman, prisoner, did on the 30th day of April last give his wife, Thurza A. Bowman, a mixture of whiskey and strychnine from the effects of which she died that morning. The analysis of the stomach proves the presence of strychnine which the prisoner denies having administered.

The evidence introduced by the state shows, summed up in brief, that Bowman and his wife did not live happily together, that she was jealous of his attentions to other females which was the cause of domestic broils and he was tired of her. In consequence of this he expressed more than once the desire to be separated from her and to induce her to consent to divorce which she declined to do. He had declared in the presence of others that he intended to rid himself of her and tried to induce a Negro to give her liquor with poison in it. He afterwards purchased a bottle of strychnine at Callam's store in Reidsville. When the woman died about the last thing she is reported as saying was that she was dying from the effects of the whiskey which he had given her that morning. Neighbors attracted to the house by her cries found her dead and him in the room. Going out he was soon to go some distance from the house, pick up a flask, try to secrete it in his clothing and failing to do this, finally hid it in some corn shucks some distance from the house. These are in brief and substantially the main points produced in evidence by the State.

The prosecution concluded the questioning of the witnesses and the medical gentlemen called Monday afternoon when a recess was taken to give the defense an opportunity to consult and decide upon their line of action. Although some nineteen witnesses had been summoned by the defense it was decided by counsel not to introduce any evidence, which opened the case for argument yesterday, when the jury was addressed by R. B. Glenn for the defense, followed by Jas. W. Reid for the prosecution and by Jos. W. Glenn for the defense, which concluded proceeding yesterday. Today Col. Ruffin opens for the prosecution and will be followed by ex-Gov. Reid for this defense. These speeches will likely consume the greater

portion of today. The case will probably get to the jury late this evening.

If the prisoner escapes he will be a remarkably lucky man and will owe a debt of everlasting gratitude to his counsel.

(From: The Greensborough Patriot, 19 December 1877)

BOWMAN'S TRIAL IN GUILFORD COUNTY, PART II

The murder of Theresa Ann Bowman by her husband Thomas Pinkney Bowman, in the county of Rockingham, and his trial and execution was a case of more than ordinary interest. The circumstances of her taking off by the means of poison by a man who was tired of his semi-invalid wife, as he became infatuated with another woman, brought out in a very decided way the frailties of humanity and the just demands of the law.

The murder was committed in Rockingham County but the feeling there was so much against the prisoner that he asked for a removal to the county of Guilford, which was done. After the trial, which consumed a week, he was sentenced to die but on appeal to the Supreme Court he was granted a new trial.

Takes Action

In the early morning of April 13th [30], 1877, Mrs. Bowman died very suddenly and under circumstances that were suspicious and very suggestive of foul play. The women friends of Mrs. Bowman and others began to discuss the death and to put conversations and acts together and pretty soon there was enough evidence of circumstantial nature to cause Thomas P. Cannon, a brother of Mrs. Bowman, to take action.

About three weeks after the death of Mrs. Bowman, while Judge W. R. Cox was holding court at Wentworth, Thomas P. Cannon made application to Judge Cox for a bench warrant for Thomas P. Bowman who was found in the log cabin of his paramour, Eliza McCain.

Col. David Settle, the clerk of the court for Rockingham County, appointed E. W. Hancock, a special coroner, who summoned a jury and taking with him Drs. Keen and Smith of Reidsville, went to the grave of Mrs. Bowman and exhumed the body and removed the stomach.

Witnesses Examined

The jury was thereupon empanelled and a number of witnesses examined as to the circumstances and the direct evidence. The hearing consumed three days. Among the witnesses examined were Lizzie Dill, Mariah Jane Dill, G. W. Cole, Susan Cole, Martha Cole, Mrs. Caroline Butler, Eliza Jane Bowman (daughter of the prisoner), Dr. T. W. Keen, Dr. Smith, James Robinson, N. Harding Callum, James A. Allen, R. F. Lynn, Dr. J. T. Ware, Elizabeth Jane Cole, Anderson Watt, Negro. All other witnesses were white.

The jury rendered its verdict on the third day. The prisoner was placed in the Rockingham jail to await action of the grand jury which met in November 1877 and returned a true bill. The prisoner was brought into court and arraigned. The courtroom was packed, anxious to hear the trial. However, the defendant's counsel presented an affidavit stating that owing to the great amount of feeling against the defendant that he did not think he could get a fair trial in Rockingham County and asked that the case be transferred to Guilford County which was ordered done and to be held in Greensboro, the county seat in December 1877, at a special term of the court.

Among the lawyers appearing in this case from the first to the last were some of the very best and some of the eloquent. For the state were Frederick N. Strudwick, solicitor, Col. Thomas Ruffin (afterwards Judge Ruffin), Col. A. J. Boyd and James W. Reid, the silver-tongued orator of the fifth district. For the defendant were ex-Governor David S. Reid and his son, Reuben D. Reid, James T. Morehead, James E. Boyd (afterwards Judge Boyd), Joseph W. Glenn, son of Robert G. Glenn of Greensboro and William B. Glenn of Rockingham.

Trial in Guilford

The first trial of Bowman for the murder of his wife Theresa Ann Bowman was held in the beautiful old courthouse of Guilford County in Greensboro within whose walls had resounded the eloquence of a great local bar to which was added the visiting lawyers who rode this circuit, including Col. Thomas C. Fuller of Raleigh, Judge Thomas Ruffin of Hillsboro, Cyrus B. Watson, James W. Reid of Wentworth and many others.

The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance building stands upon the site of the old courthouse. The trial was at the special December term of Guilford Superior Court that was presided over by Judge Ralph P. Buxton of

Fayetteville. R. M. Stafford was Sheriff and J. Newton Nelson, clerk.

Upon the call of the Bowman case, a motion was made and it was so ordered that a special venire of 150 men be summoned to appear before the court the following morning from which to select a jury of 12 men to pass upon the life or death of the prisoner. The following jury was selected: Samuel Sechrest, J. A. Gray, B. H. Field, Leven Stack, J. Van Lindley, A. Y Shaw, D. M. Bennett, W. P. McLean. J. A. Hardin, George Kirkman, W. P. Wharton and George Hoskins.

The testimony to the jury was from the witnesses who appeared before the coroner's jury in Rockingham County in addition to some medical experts including Prof. A. F. Redd, Professor of Chemistry at The University of North Carolina, Drs. R. K. Gregory, Jefferson Scales, T. W. Keen, John T. Smith, J. T. Ware and J. G. Broadnax. The charge of murder against Bowman being by administering of poison, the evidence was essentially circumstantial.

At the time of the coroner's inquest in Rockingham County, Prof. A. F. Redd was sent the stomach of the deceased for an analysis of the contents at which time he found strychnine but with the view of satisfying himself more fully, he visited Rockingham again in August and disinterred the body and took portions of the liver, kidney, spleen and brain, which he took to his laboratory.

It was in evidence on the morning of the death of Mrs. Bowman the prisoner arose early, went to the woods nearby for an armful of wood and on his return found his wife sitting in the doorway; to a question asking how she felt, to which she replied, very badly, adding that she was not long for the world. He started for another armful and had not proceeded far when his wife began screaming and calling for him to hasten to her and help her to bed. He did so, she exclaiming her breast was killing her. Bowman and his daughter, Eliza Jane Bowman, about 12 years of age, put her on the bed and laid her down. She, the deceased, asked them to take her up as she could not lie down. They put her on the floor and held her. She seemed to be strong, took hold of her daughter and husband with a strong hand, and trembled and jerked all the while. "It was more of a tremble than a jerk," said Eliza Jane Bowman who with her father were the only ones with her mother. She said her mother lived only ten minutes after she was taken sick.

Others Testify

Miss Lizzie Dill testified that she lived in a house in the yard of the Bowman's house; had lived there for 18 months; that she went to her

brother's home the evening before and did not return to her own home until after Mrs. Bowman's death; that Mrs. Bowman had been sick for some time; that Bowman and his wife lived on disagreeable terms on account of the jealousy of the deceased because of the intimacy of Bowman with Eliza McCain, a Negro woman.

Mariah Jane Dill also lived in the Bowman yard. She was present when Mrs. Bowman was taken sick; heard her tell her husband that she was poisoned; that she got her dose in spirits that morning. Bowman told her to hush. She went to Mr. Cole's about one quarter of a mile distance. When she returned, Mrs. Bowman was dead.

It was also evident that the corpse stiffened very quickly and was much stiffer than usual in cases where death results from natural causes. The fingers were clinched and the feet crossed. The head was thrown back and the spinal column bowed upward. The prisoner had been seen to go into the woods near the house and uncover a yellow flask and conceal it.

Like a thunder bolt from a clear sky came the damaging piece of evidence. After the death of his wife and the same day of the occurrence, Bowman was seated on a bench near his house, his little daughter sitting near him, when Misses Jane and Martha Cole entered; one of them remarked to other, "I would like to know what were Mrs. Bowman's last words." Whereupon the little girl exclaimed, "I can tell you what was mama's last words. She said to papa I'm poisoned and I got my dose in the liquor you gave me this morning." At this the prisoner went to the child, took her in his arms and told her to hush. In the opinion of the witnesses he tried to keep her with him and separated from callers during the day.

Poison to Kill Crows

A short while before the poisoning Bowman bought some strychnine from N. Harding Callum's drug store in Reidsville. James Robinson waited on Bowman who wanted strychnine to kill crows. T. C. Evans was in the store at the time of the sale.

Finally Prof. A. F. Redd testified that the analysis which he had made of the stomach and other parts of the body of the deceased revealed the presence of one-sixtieth of grain of strychnine, his analysis having been conducted upon the microscopic-physiological or frog and water tests.

The trial was for a whole week. The counsel for the defense put on no evidence which gave the last speech to the jury with the chance of the judge making an error. The jury by its verdict declared the prisoner guilty as charged in the bill of indictment and the judge pronounced the following judgment: "The judgment of the court upon the verdict of the jury in

the case; that Thomas P. Bowman, prisoner at the bar be safely confined in the common jail at Guilford County; by the Sheriff of Guilford County, in whose custody he is until the 25th of January 1878, upon which day the said Sheriff is commanded to take the body of the said Thomas P. Bowman to the place of execution between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. and then and there hang him by the neck until he is dead."

Ralph B. Buxton
Judge presiding
December Term, 1877

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Superior Court, Guilford County
Transcript of Case State vs Thomas P. Bowman
by J. N. Nelson Clerk of Court 14 Jan. 1878

THE EVIDENCE FOR THE STATE
Abstracted by Bob Carter

1. Miss Martha Cole, testified:

Age 24, lives with her father Green W. Cole, knew both the Bowmans. Knew Mrs. Bowman for nine years and lived between 300 and 400 yards from the Cole (Bowman) house, was often at the Bowman's house. Was there 30th last April, heard hollering at their home. Maria J. Dill came after me. When I got about 75 or 80 yards Thesa stopped hollering but her daughter continued hollering. In the house Thomas Bowman was shedding tears; Thesa was on the bed. I asked "Is she dead?"; (she) had no pulse in her arms, but had a pulse in her body. She was stiff. She was swollen in her chest. This was about sunrise. She was not cold. She was dead when I got there... I helped shroud her in a couple of hours. She was very stiff. Head drawn back... Mary E. Cobb helped shroud her. I walked out of house north and saw the prisoner sitting on a bee bench in the yard. I saw him walk out of the yard and pick up a pint tickler of yellow color...

Bird Williamson, a black man lived on the prisoner's land... The bee gum is at North East corner of the kitchen... The kitchen is 10 or 12 yards from the dwelling. The daughter Eliza Jane was in the

kitchen. Eliza Jane said, "I can tell you what Mammy told Pappy. She was poisoned and "I got it in that drink of liquor you gave me this morning." My sister Jane, my mother, Salina and Mary E. Cobb helped me shroud her. Also present, Jane Cobb, Malinda McKinney, Widow Cobb, Sally Bowman, a black woman and my father, Nathan Canaday and Ben McKinney.

Mrs. Bowman always complained of being unwell. She had coughing, had spells, sick spells, complaining of her breast. She had six children and five were dead. She smoked and chewed tobacco and took a dram once in a while. I never knew her to be intoxicated so far as I know. Mr. Bowman treated her kindly. The dwelling house was 20 x 22 feet in size. Was 6 feet high from the ground and had a cellar.

2. Louisa Linn, testified:

She is wife of John Linn who is known as "Gad." She knew the Bowmans and lived in the yard for 12 months about three years ago. My husband and I lived in the kitchen at Mr. Bowman's.

He came to our house twice. He said he saw a great trouble with his wife and saw no peace with her and would give anybody woman or man some corn, a hog and a fine suit of clothes to [anyone] to poison her. He came again Sunday and wanted John to give her that. He said Dr. Weir [Ware] had directed her to take whiskey. John said he could not kill her. The Prisoner said if John wouldn't do it he would get somebody else or do it himself.

Cross examined: We left Mr. Bowman's because we had a falling out. He accused John of breaking into his house and whipped him and drove him off. I never saw Mr. Bowman mistreat his wife. She was fond of spirits. I have seen her drink too much. He said he could not eat in meal in peace... She quarreled all the time.

3. William Summers, testified:

He knew Mrs. Bowman for 25 years. I was at her funeral the day after her death. I saw her corpse. She had on a black silk dress and I saw her put in the ground. She was buried on 1st May. The grave was opened about three weeks afterwards. I saw her taken up and body examined. She was re-buried the same day. I saw her coffin put back. She was afterwards disinterred again. She was married 18 or 20 years.

Mrs. Bowman was buried at Mr. Linn's; the coffin was opened at the grave for her friends to see her. The grave was as deep as ordinary. I live two miles from the Bowmans.

4. E. W. Hancock, testified:

I am County Surveyor and made this plat. The dwelling is 18 x 21 feet. The kitchen is about 16 x 14 feet and it is 11 1/3 yards from the south door of the dwelling to the north door of the kitchen. The distance from Green W. Cole's [home] is about 350 to 400 yards. It is 330 yards by path to Bird Williamson's. You can see from Bowman's to the Williamson's.

Martha Cole pointed out place where the prisoner picked up the bottle. It is 34 1/3 yards from the north door of the dwelling. It was on the edge of the woods north of the house. A road led from the house toward the fodder stack. The garden is on the east side of the house. A fence is across path from the Coles to the Bowmans.

I acted as coroner in this case. I was at the first disinterment of Mrs. Bowman on 23 May last. Present also were William Summers, Dr. Keene and Dr. Smith. [They] opened the body and removed the stomach. The body was put back in the grave that day. I was also at the second disinterment of her body 24 July last. Prof. Redd and Dr. Scales were present at the second occasion. They took away the liver and kidneys.

Cross examined by the prisoner: The prisoner was present at the first disinterment but not at the second time. I was cautioned to say nothing about the second disinterment. The road [ran] from the house toward the fodder stacks and leads toward Reidsville. I made measurement as requested by counsel for the prosecution. I was appointed as coroner and did nothing but my duty. There never was any difficulty between me and the prisoner. I did nothing to stir up anything against him unfairly. I may have said that there would be evidence forthcoming which would hang Bowman higher than Haman. I ran on in a joking way to his counsel when they told me that they were going to acquit him and hang me...

The chimney to Bowman's dwelling is on the east and the kitchen is on the west side... Is but one room to the house with staircase below. Two beds were in the room, in the southwest and northwest corner... cellar door on west end of house, no window on south. Some to the west, the kitchen door sill was low. Don't think any windows on east end of kitchen. There is a waste house west of dwelling not on the plat. Woodland between Cole's house and Bowman's, a hollow between, [with] Cole's house on higher ground.

At the time of second disinterment the coffin slipped and fell part or all the way foot foremost into the grave.

5. Miss Caroline Butler, testified:

Am aged 17 years. I am daughter of Moses Butler of Caswell County. I know both the Bowmans and have visited at their home some. I live 1 ½ miles from them. They in Rockingham County and I in Caswell County. Our family moved from Grayson County, Virginia, two years ago. I have known her since then. I was on the lot when Mrs. Bowman died. I stayed the night before her death in the kitchen with Maria Dill who lived in the kitchen. Her daughter is younger than I. I got there Sunday afternoon. I slept with Maria Jane.

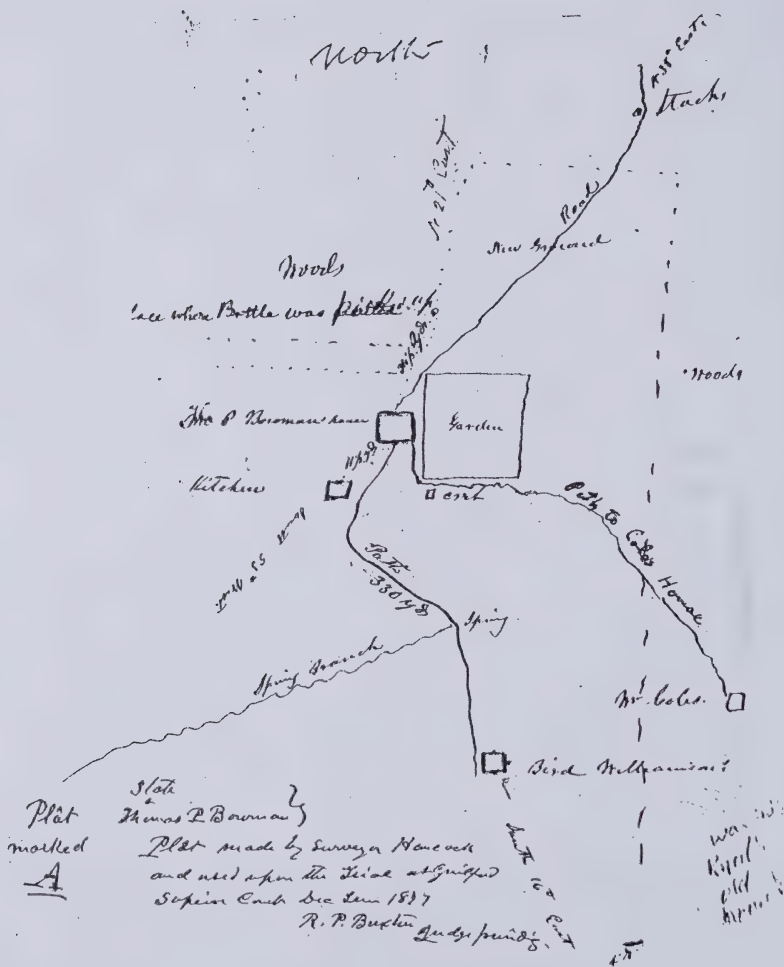
Monday morning Mrs. Bowman came to the door and called Maria Jane to feed the chickens and make her a fire. Said she had to feed her own chickens and went off...then she went back to the house and called her husband. She called him "P" "P!". She said "P," I am going to die – I got my dose in the spirits I drank this morning." Little Eliza Jane said, "Pappy, did you put anything in that liquor to poison Mammy?" He said "No, Eliza. Shut your mouth." Mrs. Bowman hollered loud. I got up when I heard her hollering. She was sitting in her door when he came to her when he came to her she got up and put her hands around his waist. They went in the house. She repeated, "P," I am going to die, I am poisoned. I got my dose in the spirits I drank this morning." She and Eliza Jane both screamed. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman went into the house. He told me to get Linsey Thomas, colored, to go for Mrs. Elizabeth Dill. I stayed until Martha Cole came in.

Cross examined by prisoner: Before the coroner I told the same (story). I stayed about ten minutes after Martha Cole came. I think Mrs. Bowman was dead some 20 minutes before Martha Cole came.

I never stayed there but once before. I used to go see Mrs. Bowman. I heard her complain of headaches right smart..

When Mrs. Bowman first said she was poisoned, her husband said "Oh hush, Thursa." It was five to ten minutes from the time she hollered until she quit hollering. I did not go in the house. Miss Martha Cole told me she was dead. It was some two or three minutes after she called "P" until he came.

Maria Jane Dill would tote water for Mrs. Bowman sometimes. I have seen her mother dye cloth for Mrs. Bowman. She was sitting in the doorway on the floor. She was not a right stout woman... She



The Thomas Pinkney Bowman homestead sketch as drawn by Wheeler Hancock and entered as evidence in Bowman's Guilford County trial in December, 1877.

Courtesy of the North Carolina State Archives

never said who gave her the spirits. I never saw her drink spirits...

6. Mrs. Elizabeth Dill, testified:

I was some little acquainted with Mrs. Bowman before she married. She was Thursa A. Cannon before marriage. I lived in their yard in the kitchen about 18 months. I left shortly after her death. I saw her die on Monday. I was not at home the night before but spent Sunday night at my brother's Saunders five miles off. I had been sent for to go there on account of my sister's sickness who was living with him. I was fixing to leave that Sunday evening. I told Mrs. Bowman in his presence that I believed I would not go as it was thundering and threatening to rain. He said if it was him, he would go being sister was sick. It was late. He looked out and said if you are going it is time you were gone. I went leaving my daughter Maria Jane and Caroline Butler with her. It rained some before starting and when I got in my brother's yard, it rained hard. I got there in the night and stayed all night. I returned after [a] message brought by Peyton Thomas and reached home about 12:00 next day. Mrs. Bowman was dead when I got there. Late that evening he came into my house and sat down and said, "They have got a report started already." I asked what it was; he said, "They say, Thursa said she was poisoned." I told him I had heard it. He said his brother "Maj" had told him. He said, "God in Heaven knows I never gave Thursa anything and you know as well as I do that she would not take anything out of Bird Williamson's hand and drink it to save his life." He said, "I got up this morning. Soon she asked why I got up so soon. I told her it was day. She said it was not." He said he went after a turn of wood and when he got back she was feeding the chickens – that he asked her how she was – she answered she felt badly, her breast hurt. Then he started again for wood. She called him back when he had gotten to the big gate and said she was dying, her breast was killing her, and she threw her arms around him as she was sitting on the floor and he would never forget the grip. It was a severe grip and she tried to bite him. He broke her hold and she gripped the child and said, "Baby, baby, I'm dying" and she went off as a person going to sleep. She asked him to uncross her feet; she did not want to die that way. His daughter is named Eliza Jane.

On the following Wednesday in his house he asked me if I had heard anything more of that awful report. I said yes. He asked who had started it. I replied from what I understand, it started from his daughter, that she had said her mother's last words were "I'm poisoned. I got my dose in the spirits you gave me this morning." He

turned to Eliza Jane and said, "Baby, did you say that?" She answered, "Yes, Pappy, she did say that and I knew no better than to tell it – it is the truth and I will always tell it." He replied, "I have (never) gave Thursa anything but I set a determinet (?) to stop her from quarreling about the way "I was doing."

I told him Jim (?) Summers said if it was him he would have her taken up and stop the report. He answered, "I don't want that done. I want this thing to die away as quick as possible."

I was to work and scour for rent of the house I occupied. I have seen a tickler like this about the house but not for some weeks to her death. I had not looked for it.

On Monday before she died he brought home a pint of spirits to make bitters. She put some in camphor and made bitters of the balance. On Saturday before she died he took a tickler and handed it to her and told her to drink it up as he had to carry the bottle back. She did it and asked him to get some more. He said he was going to do it. He started to Reidsville on Saturday for _____. While at breakfast he said "Thursa, I did not get the liquor you asked for. I was not able." But he said he would send to Emory's and get it, on a credit and would send Maj. for it today or tomorrow. She was unwell. I was often in their house. Mrs. Bowman and I could talk back and forth from our houses. I never saw any violence on his part but once. It was March before her death. Mrs. Bowman had gone to Green Cole's to carry their daughter to Dr. Scales. While gone a Negro woman came and got a bag of corn. Mrs. Bowman came back and milked the cow. She gave the cow some nubbins. Mr. Bowman told her not to give the cow corn while the weather was open... that Sylvia had got a bag of corn and they went in the house and I heard quarreling. She came out wet and he had the handle of the water gourd in his hand. She said he had thrown water on her and it would make her headache worse. He said she should not come in the house; she said she would. He said if she did he would knock her brains out. He said the corn was most gone... she said she hadn't gone it.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Bowman talking on this _____ Bird Williamson told her, she had called his house out of its name or a bad house. She said she had not. He said she had. He told her it was a lie and one of her own making. Bird Williamson is a Negro man who lived on Bowman's land. Eliza McCain lives at his house. I have seen Bowman twice at that house, once sitting by the bed, once sitting by Eliza McCain with one arm in her lap. Sometimes he would be gone all night from home and sometimes came back in the night. Frequently

was gone in that direction. A little while before his wife's death he pulled up some onions and laid them by the house and they got into a fuss. He went to bed and said "Thursa, I will give you everything I have got if you will go to the courthouse and give me a divorce." She said, "I will never do that until God takes me away and then you will have a divorce." He said, "You might as well for I won't work for you much longer." She said when court comes whether either of us will be able to speak.

I have heard she asked him not to go from home so much and help to raise the child right. She wanted to raise it a God-loving and God-fearing child. He said "I'll go from here when I please and stay as long as I please."

Cross examined by prisoner: I am a married woman. I don't know where my husband is. I heard he had obtained a divorce at Yanceyville. He charged me with adultery but it wasn't so. I kept him from it eight years but I got so poor during the War that I couldn't attend court for want of shoes and he got a divorce in my absence.

Mrs. Bowman was a weak and feeble woman and had many hard spells of coughing and complained of her breast. I don't know that she was fond of whiskey. She didn't have much, she kept it in a cupboard. One time she put a bottle in my possession to keep Mr. Bowman from carrying it away. I drank part of it and my daughter poured out the balance after we moved away. She said she wouldn't drink it, that Eliza McCain had drank some and filled it up with water. She said there were two people on the plantation whom she was afraid of but didn't say who they were but indicated it was Bird Williamson and Eliza McCain. I never thought she was afraid of her husband or that she feared him killing her.

Mrs. Bowman was very cross at times with her husband and was jealous. Eliza McCain is a very dark [skinned] Negro. He said his wife quarreled so that he had to leave the house and go to the shuck-pen to sleep. Bird was his tenant...

On Monday before she died Mrs. Bowman sent me to the kitchen to bring her whiskey to Dr. Weir [Ware] to see if it wasn't watered. She said he got it from Emory's at Round Top. "Maj" is the brother of Mr. Bowman's named Royal and his wife is Salley Bowman. I told him Salley Bowman was first to talk to me about it and that Jane Cobb had started it by repeating his daughter's words.

His daughter is said to be 11 years old and is setting by prisoner.

On Monday before she died, as he was about to go to Reidsville, she told him to get some blankets to make up some clothes for her to be buried in. She told me several times what clothes she wanted put on her when she was dead. She coughed a great deal and spit up a great deal of phlegm.

Direct Examination: They frequently fell out about Eliza McCain... She never expressed a fear of being poisoned.

7. James Robinson, testified:

Age 13. I came from Canada and live in Rockingham County. I stayed with Mr. Callum in Reidsville and clerked for him in his drug store. I saw Mr. Bowman; he came to Callum's Store to get some strychnine. I went to work there on 17 April and about a week later he came in and I let him have a vial nearly full. He paid for it. He came back in 3, 4 or 5 days with the vial and asked if it was strychnine for it was not like what he had been getting. Mr. Callum came in and told him it was strychnine and it had a skull & cross bones on the label. He said he wanted to kill crows with it.

8. G.N.H. Callum, testified:

Kept a drug store at Reidsville. James Robinson clerks for me... the vial had about 55 grams in it. I had sold Dr. Scales 5 grams out of it. I have been in the drug business for 18 years.

9. Samuel H. Hand, testified:

I live in Reidsville and keep a grog shop and grocery there. He has bought liquor of me last time about 15 or 16 days before the coroner's inquest. He bought a quart of corn whiskey which he put in a half gallon jug. He went off, forgot the jug and came back and wanted another quart on credit and I refused and his face turned red...

10. Mr. Bennett, Deputy Sheriff, testified:

Said I saw him in Hand's shop on 23 day April last; he had whiskey in a brown jug and he gave me a drink. On night of 21 May last, I arrested him at Bird Williamson's home between 8:00 and 9:00. I found him on the floor and Eliza McCain was in bed. But I don't know positively it was Eliza McCain.

11. Prof. Alex F. Redd, testified:

I have been an analytical chemist for four years, two in Raleigh and

two at UNC-Chapel Hill being a graduate of the University of Virginia. I am now Prof. of Physics and Chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill. Have the best _____ be laboratory in the south. Also _____ Agricultural Department. I was with coroner when body was exhumed the second time on 24 July 1877.

Exception. Prisoner objected to evidence of this witness in regard to postmortem on 24 July 1877.

- (1) Since prisoner was not present, but in jail, given no notice.
- (2) Coroner had already held inquest and verdict returned.
- (3) Second _____, as _____, agreed that county employed Prof. Redd to do analysis, no notice.

Court Overruled the Objection

Prof. Redd, Chairman of County Commissioners, Gov. Reid, Mr. Glenn present at the occasion with Dr. Jeff Scales who assisted me in taking out the head, liver and kidney, part of the brain, part of the spleen and colon, part of the intestines end of big gut and placed these in three clear glass jars with screw tops, sealed and taken [them] to Reidsville and placed in a wooden box and by cars [train] to McAdoo House in Greensboro, locked in a closet and I had the key and took it to Chapel Hill. I did chemical analysis of the organs and found in them strychnine 1/10 grain. I have it here between two watch crystals.

Exception. How much is a fatal dose. Objected to by prisoner.
Overruled.

Prof. Redd. One grain is considered fatal. 1/12 grain has proved fatal. I killed two frogs with this strychnine which I obtained from the organs of the deceased. I caught two frogs from pond and in the laboratory I inserted small amount under the frogs' skin. One frog was killed in 40 minutes and the second died in 50 minutes. No doubt, it was strychnine taste.

Cross examined by prisoner: Also examined stomach of Mrs. Bowman sent by Dr. Keene and found 1/19 grain of strychnine in it...

I was three weeks in completion of my test... (Several pages about test not copied.)

Prof. Redd continued:

It looked, tasted, odorless, _____, colors, killed... etc... that it was strychnine.

12. Dr. Smith, testified:

I was at the first disinterment. Saw the coffin opened, body not taken out of it. Dr. Keene and myself opened the body.

Cross examined by the prisoner: Decompression had proceeded to a considerable extent. We did not examine the lungs. They were pale whitish, do not remember that they were reddish. Small amount of bloody serum, thin blood and _____ in left _____ of chest. I removed the stomach, put it in a glass jar, put on the cover and turned it over to Dr. Keene. No examination of the body (took place).

13. Dr. Richard K. Gregory, testified:

Have practiced medicine for 20 years. Have heard evidence of Mrs. Bowman's death and prepared to give opinion of cause of [her] death.

Objection – (overruled)

My opinion is that it was strychnine

Prisoner excepted, etc.

[Long list of statements about stiffness of the body, etc., not copied.]

Dr. Scales, testified:

Am graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Phil. Have practiced ten years. Strychnine usually kills quickly... I was not Mrs. Bowman's family physician. She had all signs of strychnine poisoning...

Dr. Keene, testified:

Have practiced medicine on and off for 12 years. I have heard evidence and I think it was poison... I went to the grave under order to take out the stomach three weeks after buried. Dr. Smith and I opened the body and there was a sudden gust of offensive gas upon my opening the body. I gave back for Dr. Smith. We did not take the body out of the coffin which was an ordinary one.

[End of Testimony]

Charge of the Court:

Bowman is charged with murder of his wife by poison. Three principle inquiries:

1. As to the cause of death of Thursa A. Bowman, was it by strychnine poison?
2. If she was then poisoned, did the prisoner do it?
3. If he did, was it with criminal intent?

Review of Case

Special Instructions to Jury:

1. Jury to be satisfied that the deceased came to her death by strychnine – by husband?
2. How else can the death be accounted for.
3. Jury must be fully satisfied of guilt of prisoner before sending verdict of Guilty.
4. Jury must be fully satisfied as to creditable and respective witnesses to the facts.
5. If death was from strangulation, under the bill of indictment, the defendant is entitled to a verdict of acquittal.
6. If Mrs. Bowman [died] from the suffocation by come up _____, is not guilty under this indictment.
7. State to prove death in way charged by poison.
8. If prisoner _____ acquit him.
9. If any other person had equal opportunity or notice, consider his case.
10. Jury not bound to believe test.
11. Must be sure she came to death in manner charged.

Verdict of Guilty of Murder

Bowman moved for a new trial and _____ on many grounds.

1. Said: Verdict not in accordance with evidence.
2. Errors court upon points of taken, and by many exceptions.
3. Errors in admission of little girl's statement made by Martha Cole.
4. Test of Louisa Linn who was used without notice.

The call for new trial was discharged – prisoner excepted.

Prisoner moved in arrest of judgement, 13 exceptions.

Disqualified of foreman of Grand Jury also one of members as they have suits in Rockingham County Court.

The prisoner having nothing further to urge.

Judgement passed of Death was rended by Court.

Prisoner appealed to the Supreme Court.

Ralph P. Buxton
Judge Presiding

J. N. Nelson, Clerk of Court, Guilford County, said this is full and true transcript of case State vs. Thomas P. Bowman this 14 day January 1878.

Four pages of exceptions

Defendant Brief, State vs. Bowman

1. 2. 4. Excuses jurors
3. _____
5. Ex _____ case _____
6. Prof. Redd not qualified on medical experience. This was his first case, only prepared himself as a toxicologist.
7. 8.
9. Witness could only give his own opinion as an expert, etc.

(From: Supreme Court Papers, State vs. Thomas P. Bowman
78 NC 509, Jan. 1878, Case number 12,238
North Carolina State Archives)

APPEAL GRANTED

The Supreme Court has granted an appeal in the case of Thomas P. Bowman convicted at last term of court of the murder of his wife. The following opinion, we quote from the Raleigh Observer, rendered.

State vs. Bowman, Error. *Venire de novo*. Testimony of Expert. This was an indictment for the murder, by poisoning, of the prisoner's wife, tried at Fall term of Guilford Superior Court. No evidence was offered for the defense. Much testimony, direct and circumstantial, was introduced by the State. Dr. Gregory, witness for the State, having testified that he had been in active practice of medicine for twenty years, and that he had heard on the trial the evidence concerning Mrs. Bowman's death. He was then asked his opinion, base upon facts testified, this was objected to but allowed by the Court. Verdict of guilty, judgment of death and appeal by the defendant.

Held. That where the medical or professional witness has attended the whole trial and heard the testimony of other witnesses to the facts and circumstances of the case, he is not to judge of the credit of the witnesses and the truth of the facts as testified by others. It is for the jury to decide whether such facts are satisfactorily proved and the proper question to be put to the professional witness is that: If the symptoms and indications testified to by the other witnesses are proved and if the jury are as testified as the truth of them, what in such a case would be his opinion.

(From: The Greensborough Patriot, 6 February 1878)

STATE v. THOMAS P. BOWMAN
SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA, RALEIGH

78 N.C. 509; 1878 N.C.
January, 1878, Decided

PRIOR HISTORY: INDICTMENT for Murder, removed from Rockingham and tried at December Special Term, 1877, of GUILFORD Superior Court, before Buxton, Judge. That portion of the case which constitutes the basis of the decision of this Court is sufficiently set out in the opinion delivered by THE CHIEF JUSTICE. Verdict of guilty. Appeal by the defendant.

CASE SUMMARY:

Defendant sought review of a decision of the lower court (North Carolina), which convicted him of murder.

OVERVIEW: Defendant was charged with the crime of murder in administering poison to his wife. He was found guilty and a judgment of death was pronounced. Defendant excepted to an expert witness's course of examination and to the action of the lower court in permitting the opinion of the witness to be given to the jury. On appeal, the court reversed the conviction. The evidence ought not to have been received. The death of the deceased from poison was an essential element in the crime charged against defendant and necessary to be proved in order to obtain a conviction. It was to be proved only by legal and competent evidence. The opinion expressed by the witness in the form in which it was allowed to be given was not competent. Defendant was entitled to another trial in which he would have the protection of all those safeguards which the wisdom and humanity of the law provided for all who are put in peril.

OUTCOME: The court found that there was error in the conviction.

HEADNOTES:

[HN1] Expert testimony evidence has its restrictions and must never be allowed to invade the rightful and exclusive province of the jury in drawing their own conclusions from the testimony, of the credibility of which they alone must judge. It is their duty to hear and pass upon the evidence, and the expert's opinion is admitted only to aid in performing that duty.

[HN2] It is improper for any one, expert or non-expert, to express an opinion, warranted only by assuming the truthfulness and accuracy of what witnesses have testified. Such evidence is competent, only when founded on

facts within the personal knowledge and observation of the expert, or upon the hypothesis of the finding of the jury.

[HN3] The medical man cannot in strictness be asked his opinion when the questions involve the determination of the truth of the facts deposed to. The truth is for the jury to decide. The questions are not permitted when they are not mere questions upon a matter of science, in which case such evidence is admissible. Where the facts are admitted or not disputed, and the question becomes substantially one of science only, it may be convenient to allow the question to be put in a general form, though the same cannot be insisted on as a matter of right.

[HN4] Where the medical or other professional witnesses have attended the whole trial and heard the testimony of the other witnesses as to the facts and circumstances of the case, they are not to judge of the credit of the witnesses, or of the truth of the facts testified to by others. It is for the jury to decide whether such facts are satisfactorily proved.

[HN5] It is not the province of an expert to draw inferences of fact from the evidence, but simply to declare his opinion upon a known or hypothetical state of facts.

HEADNOTES

Indictment-Murder-Evidence-Expert

1. The opinion of an expert, warranted only by assuming the truthfulness and accuracy of what has been testified to by witnesses, is not admissible.
2. Such evidence is competent only when founded on facts within the personal knowledge or observation of the expert, or upon the hypothesis of the finding of the jury.
3. Where, on a trial for murder, a physician who stated that he had heard the statements of the witnesses as to the circumstances immediately preceding the illness of the deceased, the appearance of the body immediately after death, the condition of the limbs, &c., &c., and could therefrom form an opinion as to the cause of death, was permitted to testify what in his opinion was the cause of the death of the deceased; *Held*, to be error.

COUNSEL: Attorney General and Messrs. Boyd & Reid, for the State.
Messrs. J. T. Morehead and J. E. Boyd for the defendant.

JUDGES: Chief Justice William Nathan Harrell Smith (1812-1889)

OPINION BY: SMITH

OPINION

[*509] SMITH, CHIEF JUSTICE. The prisoner is charged with the crime of murder in administering poison to his wife, and upon the trial was found guilty. Judgment of death was pronounced, from which he appealed to this Court.

The case presented for our review contains a full and minute account of the trial, the evidence adduced for the State, the exceptions taken for the prisoner, and the rulings [*510] of the Court during its progress. The prisoner offered no evidence. The exceptions are numerous and were elaborately argued upon the hearing before us by the Attorney General and the counsel for the prisoner, and their researches and citation of authorities would have greatly lessened our labors had [**2] we been called on to investigate the various questions discussed. But we are relieved of the necessity of doing this by the view which we take of the case.

Many witness were examined and testified to the circumstances attending the death of the deceased, the symptoms developed during the last moments of life and immediately after its extinction, the declaration of the deceased that she was poisoned, the two disinterments and examinations of the body, the discovery of strychnine in some of the internal organs in a chemical analysis of their contents made by Prof. Redd, a witness in the cause, the tests resorted to by him to ascertain and prove the nature and efficacy of the poison, and other facts relied on to establish the prisoner's guilt. Three physicians were present during the trial and heard the evidence and were examined as experts. The same questions were propounded to each, the same objections interposed by prisoner's counsel and overruled, and substantially the same testimony given by all, and it is therefore only necessary to consider the exception to the evidence of one of them.

Dr. R. H. Gregory, introduced as an expert, testified as follows; "I have practiced medicine [**3] twenty years, actively employed. I have heard the evidence of Mrs. Bowman's death. I have heard the symptoms described by the witnesses, and I have heard the examination of Prof. Redd, as to his finding strychnine in the body, and I am prepared to give an opinion as to the cause of her death."

On the part of the State the following questions were then propounded, which with the answers were objected to by the prisoner but allowed by the Court:—

[*511] 1. "Have you heard the statements of the witnesses as to the circumstances immediately preceding her being taken sick, the appear-

- ance of the body immediately after death, its appearance subsequent and before interment, the condition of her limbs and members, the account given by the deceased of her manner of death, her asking to have her feet uncrossed, and the manner in which she gripped him and her child, and have you heard the testimony of Mr. Redd as to his analysis and its results, and from them can you as a physician form an opinion as to the cause of her death?" The witness answered, "Yes."
2. "In giving answer, do you exclude from your consideration the evidence of other circumstances in the nature of moral evidence in [**4] the case?" The witness answered, "I do."
 3. "What in your opinion was the cause of her death?" The witness answered, "I believe it was strychnine."

The prisoner excepts to this course of examination and to the action of the Court in permitting the opinion of the witness to be given to the jury. The correctness of this ruling is presented for our review, and after a careful and deliberate consideration we have come to the conclusion that the evidence ought not to have been received.

The opinions of those who are skilled in any department of art or science, resting upon undisputed facts and within the scope of their special calling, are not only competent to be heard by the jury, but often greatly assist in the formation of a correct judgment upon matters they are called on to investigate. The superior knowledge of the expert is frequently required in the conduct of judicial examination of subjects beyond the reach of common observation. [HN] But this evidence has its restrictions, and must never be allowed to invade the rightful and exclusive province of the jury in drawing their own conclusions from the testimony, of the credibility of which they alone must judge. It is their duty to [**5] hear and pass upon the evidence, and the expert's opinion [*512] is admitted only to aid in performing that duty. [HN2] It is obviously improper for any one, expert or non-expert, to express an opinion, warranted only by assuming the truthfulness and accuracy of what witnesses have testified. Such evidence is competent, only when founded on facts within the personal knowledge and observation of the expert, or upon the hypothesis of the finding of the jury. The testimony given against the prisoner in support of the charge to the jury by reminding them, "that the death of the deceased is about the only fact conceded in the case."

It is true that trials have occurred where the defence of insanity was relied on, and medical men have been permitted to express an absolute opinion, resting entirely upon testimony there given in, and it was in

consequence of the acquittal of David McNaughton charged with the murder of one Drummond in an English Criminal Court, in the year 1843, that public attention was directed to the subject, and the opinions of the Judges obtained in answer to an inquiry [**6] of the House of Lords, which may be regarded as a definite and final settlement of the law. One of the questions submitted to the Judges, was in these words;—"Can a medical man conversant with the disease of insanity, who never saw the prisoner previous to the trial, but who was present during the whole trial and the examination of all the witnesses, be asked his opinion as to the state of the prisoner's mind, at the time of the commission of the alleged crime; or his opinion whether the prisoner was conscious, at the time of doing the act, that he was acting contrary to law; or whether he was acting under any and what delusion at the time?"

To this question, Chief Justice TINDALL on behalf of the Judges replied;—"We think [HN3] the medical man under the circumstances supposed cannot in strictness be asked his [*513] opinion in the terms above stated, because each of those questions involves the determination of the truth of the facts deposed to, which it is for the jury to decide, and the questions are not mere questions upon a matter of science, in which case such evidence is admissible. But where the facts are admitted or not disputed, and the question becomes substantially one [**7] of science only, it may be convenient to allow the question to be put in that general form, though the same cannot be insisted on as a matter of right." *Regina v. Higginson*, 47 E.C.L. 129 note a. The proper mode of examination of experts is thus declared by Chief Justice SHAW;—"Where [HN4] the medical or other professional witnesses have attended the whole trial and heard the testimony of the other witnesses as to the facts and circumstances of the case, they are not to judge of the credit of the witnesses, or of the truth of the facts testified to by others. It is for the jury to decide whether such facts are satisfactorily proved, and the proper question to be put to the professional witness is this,—If the symptoms and indications testified to by the other witnesses are proved, *and if the jury are satisfied of the truth of them, whether in his opinion, the party was insane*, and what was the nature and character of that insanity, what state of mind did they indicate, and what he would expect to be the conduct of such person in any supposed circumstances." *Commonwealth v. Rogers*, 7 Metc. (Mass.) 500.

The same learned Judge in another case [**8] before him uses this language;—"We think the question put to Dr. Williams, as an expert, asking his opinion whether, having heard the evidence, he was or was not of the opinion that the

testator was of sound mind, was not admissible in that form,” and that the proper way to interrogate the expert is, “*If certain facts assumed by the question to be established by the evidence should be found true by the jury, what would be his opinion upon the facts thus found true, on the question of [*514] soundness of mind.*” *Woodbury v. Obear*, 7 Gray (Mass.) 467.

Mr. Justice CURTIS thus lays down the rule;—“It [HN5] is not the province of an expert to draw inferences of fact from the evidence, but simply to *declare his opinion upon a known or hypothetical state of facts.*” *United States v. McClue*, 1 Curt. 1, 26 F. Cas. 1093. To the like effect is the case of *Heald v. Thing*, 45 Me. 392; and the elementary writers generally concur in this view of the law. 1 Greenl. Ev. 440; Redfield’s Am. Cases of Law of Wills, 40; 1 Whar. Law of Evidence 452; Whar. Cr. Law 50f.

It is unnecessary to pursue the discussion further, or [*9] to cite additional authorities in support of a rule resting upon sound reason, and commending itself to our entire approval. Although the cases referred to involved an inquiry into the state of mind of the party, and to determine his capacity to do a testamentary act, or his responsibility for an alleged criminal act, the principle is equally applicable to medical opinions as to the physical effects of poisonous substances introduced into the human system, and the indications of their presence.

The rule was in our opinion violated in permitting Dr. Gregory to give to the jury his opinion of the cause of death of the deceased, without those salutary restrictions which this kind of evidence requires. It is not for us to attempt to measure or to speculate upon the influence which the opinion of an intelligent physician formed upon the very testimony which the jury had heard, may have exercised over their minds in conducting them to their verdict. It is sufficient that it was calculated to have an effect and to mislead. The death of the deceased from poison was an essential element in the crime charged against the prisoner, and necessary to be proved in order to his conviction. It could [*10] be proved only by legal and competent evidence. The opinion expressed by Dr. Gregory in the form in which [*515] it was allowed to be given, was not competent, and entitles the prisoner to another trial, in which he will have the protection of all those safeguards which the wisdom and humanity of the law provide for all who are put in peril.

[Granted new trial]

In Supreme Court

The case against Bowman was heard in Supreme Court and was argued by Cols. James T. Morehead and James E. Boyd (afterwards Judge Boyd), for the prisoner. The Supreme Court granted a new trial upon the error of the court in allowing physicians to make conclusions upon the testimony of witnesses. It was an improper and erroneous mode of asking hypothetical question. Now the question is put this way; "If the jury should find from the evidence that certain condition existed, what would be your answer?" It is supposed that the jury had passed upon the fact. State vs. Bowman is the leading case in North Carolina on propounding hypothetical questions.

Upon the granting of a new trial the case was removed to the county of Randolph where the second trial was held. Judge Kerr presiding.

The testimont disclosed the fact that the body of Mrs. Bowman was disinterred and opened some of the internal secretive organs taken out then subjected to a careful chemical analysis and strychnine was found therein and exhibited to the court.

The testimony closed Thursday evening and the argument was opened by Solicitor Sturdwick, followed by Mr. Glenn one of the counsel for the prisoner which consumed the day.

Friday morning the argument was resumed by Gov. Reid for the prisoner followed by J. W. Reid for the prosecution.

The charges of his Honor was earnest and impressive and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the jury took the case. Early Saturday morning the jury returned a verdict of guilty. His Honor then pronounced the sentence of death in a solemn and afflicting manner during which time the prisoner seemed but a little affected.

The argument of all the counsel was able and earnest and evidence much thorough and legally researched. The argument of young Reid was fine and classical and elicited much compliment.

Bowman is a medium size, ordinary looking man of about 40 years of age, fair complexion, dark hair, small deep blue eyes, deeply set forehead and protruding sharp nose, face rather small and round and has a delicate appearance from long confinement.

The mournful tragedy occurred in the far side of Rockingham County, near the Caswell County line, on the 30th day of April, 1877, was moved to Guilford where at last December term of Guilford County Superior Court, Bowman was tried and found guilty, obtained a new trial and removed it to Randolph, where again he has been convicted and sentenced

to be hanged on the 4th of October. The case is now gone up on appeal to the Supreme Court. So the fate of Thomas P. Bowman is not fully known yet. Let its result as it may be, his fate is a hard one. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard. So far the costs incurred in the trial of this case are about two thousand dollars. The peace of a once bright and happy homes are destroyed. A wife I _____ murdered; a husband with a character blackened with crime, blasted hopes and ruined fortune; an innocent child - an only daughter - is left homeless and fruitless and life is filled with sorrow and bitterness and tears. And tracing back the chain of woe we find the chief controlling agency and prime cause of the whole tragedy was whiskey.

From: The Randolph Sun, August 1878
The J. W. Reid Scrapbook
Historical Collections Room
Rockingham Community College

BOWMAN'S TRIAL IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

The second trial of Bowman was in Asheboro, Randolph County, N. C. at the regular term of the August court in 1878. Judge John Kerr of Yanceyville presided and the following were the officers of the court: E. A. Moffitt, Sheriff and A. M. Diffie, clerk court.

A special venire of 100 men was summoned and the following 12 men were selected to pass upon the life and death of Thomas P. Bowman: D. W. Trogdon, L. C. Wood, Harbed Hancock, Nixon Presnell, Abram Luther, Davis Lamb, E. C. Elder, William Craven, Julius Reeves, Oliver Johnson, Uriah Presnell and Madison Lowe.

The second trial like the first attracted a great deal of interest on account of the notoriousness of the murder and very able and distinguished counsel for the prosecution and defense. The witnesses examined were the same as those who testified in the former trial. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty as charged in the bill of indictment and Judge John Kerr passed sentence of death upon the prisoner: That he return to the prison from

which he came and to remain there until the 4th day of October, 1878, and on that day the sheriff of Randolph County is commanded to take the body of the said Thomas P. Bowman to the place of execution between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. and then there hang by the neck until he is dead.

The Randolph court session under Judge Kerr opened with some of the visiting attorneys present listed, Ex-Gov. David Reid, James W. Reid of Wentworth, F. B. Strudwick, Col. Thomas Ruffin of Chapel Hill, J. R. Bulla of High Point, J. M. Brown of Troy, J. C. Black of Carthage. In his charge to the jury the Judge complimented Randolph County on its new court house. The weather was warm and the court house was densely filled with all classes of people who listened with patience and respectful attention to the very lengthy, able and learned charge of his Honor. After the Judge's charge to the jury, T. C. Worth was sworn and admitted to the Bar. Thomas P. Bowman was then brought into court and the sheriff was ordered to summon a special venire of 100 men to be in court at precisely 9 o'clock the next morning.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the prisoner Thomas P. Bowman was arraigned for trial. The prosecution was conducted by Solicitor Strudwick assisted by Col. Ruffin and James W. Reid of the firm of Boyd & Reid of Wentworth. The prisoner was defended by Gov. Reid and J. B. Glenn of Reidsville. Col. Ruffin read the bill of indictment which charged the prisoner with poisoning his wife Thurza Ann Bowman with strychnine.

About forty witnesses were called and examined, among whom was Prof. Redd of the University and some of the most prominent physicians in the State.

Our Superior Court has been numbered with the things of the past. Our docket was quite heavy, but not withstanding the fact that the Bowman trial consumed a good deal of time, yet the court affected a Jail delivery. The trial of Thomas P. Bowman was commenced Tuesday and continued until Friday at 2 o'clock when the Jury retired to deliberate upon the case. They consulted together until 12 o'clock Friday night when they made up their verdict, which verdict was announced on Saturday morning. The Solicitor prayed the judgment of the court, when after a short admonition from Judge Kerr, to the prisoner, to lose sight of all earthly hopes of escape to betake himself to humble devout prayer to God, the giver of all good gifts and who is able to save the soul; the solemn sentence of death was pronounced upon the prisoner. Said execution to take place between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on Friday, the 4th of October next.

The counsel for the defense moved for a new trial, the motion was overruled and a notice of appeal given. The evidence as in all such cases

was circumstantial, but the net work was as closely woven as it is possible to do.

The defense was represented by Gov. D. S. Reid and Joseph Glenn Esq., who made as able defense as could have been made. Mr. Glenn is young but was equal to the task before him. His speech before the jury was quite creditable. Gov. Reid made a speech of three hours in his usual dignified style and the summary of the evidence and the advancing of theories by which Mrs. Bowman might have come to her death was done in quite a logical style. The prosecution was represented by Col. T. Ruffin, Mr. J. W. Reid, son of Dr. N. F. Reid and F. N. Strudwick, Solicitor. Col. Ruffin did not make an argument before the jury. Solicitor Strudwick opened the case for the State and his argument, though short, was logical and conclusive. Mr. Reid closed the argument on behalf of the State. Mr. Reid is young but few of his age or older than he can make such a summary of evidence as he can. He is quite eloquent in his argument and is a close logical reasoner. He has some of the gift of his sainted father, who gained so much renown as a pulpit orator.

We would like to give the evidence in full, but was of space forbids it. — Nothing was done on the civil docket.

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Wentworth, North Carolina

HOW BOWMAN TAKES HIS FATE

Since the Supreme Court has returned no error, Bowman, the wife-poisoner, has been apprised that his last hope is gone. He will be re-sentenced the 25th of August. But he still solemnly denies that he killed his wife. He is in jail in Asheboro. He wrote the following postal card to Mr. Glenn of this place, one of his counsel with ex-Governor Reid, who both have worked hard for him and been instrumental in saving his neck to this late day. The following is the postal:

Asheboro, N.C. 21 March 1879

Mr. J. B. Glenn

Dear Sir;

As my case has gone against me I want you to write to me and let me know whether you can do anything for me by a partition for a reprieve and if you can, please write me one for Rockingham, Guilford and Randolph county, and send to me. I am not guilty and God knows it. I do not want to be hung innocent. If I was guilty I would not ask you to do anything more for me.

Yours truly

T. P. Bowman

From: The Reidsville Times, 27 March 1879

THOMAS PINKNEY BOWMAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

(Below is given Bowman's own story. It was written by himself in his cell and in obedience to his request; it is today laid before the world. It is given just as he wrote it. No change has been made except a few corrections in orthography. The interest created throughout North Carolina by the magnitude and blackness of his crime and intensified by the published reports of the dark revelations that came to light during his trials has led to obey his wish and offer his dying evidence to satiate public curiosity. It is his own picture, delineated by his own hand and shaded by the awful prompting of his own fear-stricken soul.)

To My Friends, My History

As it seems my time has come to die I want to leave for your consolation the whole history of my life which I can give in a few words. Here it is and it is the whole truth and nothing but the truth from my dying lips.

I was born in Rockingham County, N.C., the 18th day of August 1839, as I think. I was raised by Riley Bowman and his wife Susan Bowman till I was thirteen years old. At that age I was carried to my father's plantation in Gibbs County, Ga. There with John Bowman and a parcel of hands I got my first bad habit. I stayed there until 1854 when my younger brother died and I was brought back to Rockingham County, N.C. to my father and mother. I then took charge of my father's hands till 1859. In that year I was married to the daughter of Reuben Cannon, and we lived with my mother and father two years. In 1861 I went into the regular army and served one year. After that I was conscripted for two years. In July 1863 I was wounded in Maryland and brought to the Hospital at Lynchburg, Va. where I remained till well. Then I returned to my command and was wounded the second time at Spotsylvania Court House, Va. and disabled till the close of the war. In 1865 I returned home and met my dear wife. It seemed to be mutually pleasant to us both. About this time I took up with two gamblers and this was the first start of all my severe troubles and from this I got to hard drinking. Soon after this I bound myself on a six thousand dollar bond for a man who has done the most in prosecuting me and causing my trouble. When my bond became due and I tried to save myself from paying it, then the malice and hard feeling between me and my wife's

people first got up.

The worst thing that I have ever done was killing a horse. This caused me a great deal of trouble, tho' it was not done intended. After this I decided to go West to which my wife agreed. We then went to Wilcox County, Ga., where I ran a farm for a year. During that time my wife was given up to die by Dr. McKimmer, but she recovered and I removed from there to Irving County, Ga. where my wife was taken down sick again. The Dr. who waited on her said that all the Doctors in the world could not cure her, but she got well again. In that county we remained two years and I ran a farm and the timber business. At the end of this time my own health became bad and we moved back to Rockingham County, N.C. where we settled for a life I thought. I made fine crops in that county before my wife died.

Twenty-one days after she died I was accused of causing her death and twenty-seven days after her death, I was arrested and put into prison which I have suffered now for two years and four months. I have endured it all with patience and I only wish that the world today did know my heart as I know. They can hang me, but they can't make me a guilty man. They can't murder me for anybody that I have ever loved as my dear wife. I did not marry her for beauty, nor riches, for she didn't have either. I married her for love and I love the place where her body lays and I hope to have my body layed by her side when the rope of death closes my eyes and swings me into eternity. If so that it can be. There is but one thing that gets me leaving this world today is that my darling little daughter. This is the only tie that I hate to break as for all the rest I willing to go. The Lord has taken five children from me but I was not grieved as bad to see them all go because they all went by natural causes. God only loaned them for a short time and then took them away and I am to be taken by a rope from the last one.

I suppose that my wife and myself tried as hard to live good together as most men and wives though sometimes we would fight out. Though she was a pretty jealous-headed girl she _____ to me till about a year or more before her death when she began to take her first lesson under the Cole women and the Dills women came to my house to live. I can't say I have lived as a man should live.

After I was accused of poisoning her, arrested and put in prison, I went to God with all my heart and mind. In 1877 following while laying in the cell with two men, I suddenly found myself standing up in front praising God with all my heart and soul and body. From that time till now I have tried to serve God and obey him, and I feel that my burdens today are light. And I can say today – they can hang me for the murder of my wife, but

they can't make me guilty of such crime. I'd rather be in my condition today than in the condition of those who have caused me to be here in the face of the gallows. If I came to the gallows it is not because I have been badly raised, I was raised by a honest father and good mother. They raised me to stay at home, to behave myself to everybody, to work, to tell the truth and to deal honestly. This is what they have taught me and I can say I have always dealt honestly with all men and, if I had my rights, I would not be here. If it were done by good people, I would not think hard of it. I can tell the character of three of the party who have sworn my life from me, but I will let it all go, and meet my doom and leave them to theirs.

My Wife's Death

Here is all I can say in regard to my wife's death. It might have been caused in part by the way I have lived in this world. She had tried for a year before her death to get me to join the Baptist Church, but I knew I was not fit to join. I know she tried to hang herself several years ago. This is all the truth as far as I am concerned. I can tell no more. I can say now that I have fought a good fight. I have finished my work. I have conquered the devil and his agents. My friends of this world, you can say what you please about me. It can't avail. It won't hurt me and will not do me any good. I told you as near the truth as I can. After I got to gambling, I was never satisfied when at home. I followed it for several years and was my cause of having several hard fights and the source of many troubles. During the time I had three children sworn to me but never had any words on that. She forgave me and it was forgotten in peace.

I hate the life that I have lived but it is passed and gone. I can't help it now. My tears cannot cure the mistakes I have committed. Oh, if I could have it back again, I would live quite a different life. It is justice to me to state that I was advised by friend more than a year before her death that if I stayed with her, she would cause me to be hanged and it has come just as she told me. But how could I leave my poor, weak wife whom I had chosen of all the world to live and die with, and how, would I take care of my dear child?

I said, they can hang me for her death, but it is all they can do. There is a day coming when every tub will stand on its own bottom and I thank God for it, for then we will get our justice. This is a sweet consolation to an innocent and suffering man. I was told only a short time ago by a man from my county that my wife told him six years ago while she was down sick, that if she lived to get up, she intended to leave enough behind her when she died to hang me and it has come just as she said and her threat is

now to be fulfilled. I hope her poor soul is at rest today, if mine never gets there. I can say with truth that I kept her as good as home as common people have. I kept her something to live on and somebody to wait on her whenever she needed it. Tho' if I could have done as much more for, it would make me feel better now. I have had a hard time in this world but hope that when my troubles and suffering cease today in this world that my poor soul will go to rest. I have tried to prepare myself as best I know how to meet God in peace. I am honest in what I have done and hope and pray to God that I am right. I have given you all the truth. If other people have done wrong and hurt me, I can't help that now.

I can't tell you how my wife's death happened. I may be wrong but I can't reconcile how she knew a year beforehand what was coming. It seems strange to me but I will not tell what I know. She is dead and gone and I will go today. I will not let my troubles expose her. It will make no difference with you who are my friends and hers. We are both done with you and this world anyway. If you would remember me, pay it in kindness to the dear little daughter I leave behind. I have told the truth. I have nothing more to confess. The tortures of death cannot draw out more than this. The last sun has thrown its light on me and before it sets again my soul will be farther away than it is. The ends all I will ever say and confess to you. To death I resign my memory – to God I give my soul. I give and leave my body as a recompense for your labor in relieving me of my troubles and helping and speeding me to that home above where justice, merry and peace will be mine forever and ever.

My final farewell will be read in the agony and torture of the death that I will die today in the sight of you and your Almighty Judge. If you drop a tear, I will read it by the light of heaven. In the face of death, I subscribe for the last time the name of:

Thomas Pinkney Bowman
In Jail, Asheboro, N.C.
August 29th, 1879

From: The Asheboro Courier Tribune, 6 March 1958
(Reprint of original article)

BOWMAN IS HUNG IN ASHEBORO

From a gentleman who was present at the hanging of Bowman, the wife murderer, who was hung at Asheboro, Randolph County, on Friday last,) we learn that the Sheriff with forty guards left the jail, with the prisoner in charge, about twenty minutes after 12 o'clock noon, and proceeded to the gallows, which was erected about one mile west of the jail where they arrived about twenty-five minutes after 12 o'clock. The prisoner on his way to the place of execution enjoyed himself by taking two chews of tobacco and smoking his pipe. On arriving at the place of execution the Sheriff accompanied by the prisoner and two ministers, took their stand upon the platform of the gallows. Rev. Jesse Giles – the minister who officiated – read the hymn: “While life prolongs its precious light, Mercy is found and peace is given, But soon ah, soon approaching night. Shall blot out every hope of Heaven.”

After the hymn, the minister made an effecting prayer, in which the prisoner assisted, in a kneeling position, for the space of thirty minutes, which was occupied in the delivery of a sermon by the Rev. gentleman who officiated, and who took as his text the 12th verse of the 14th chapter of Romans, as follows: “So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.” During the delivery of the sermon the prisoner raised his head and took two drinks of water and a chew of tobacco.

Bowman made no remarks to the vast audience present, numbering some 8 to 10,000 persons. In answer to the Sheriff, when asked if he had anything to say, he asserted his innocence in a low tone. He evinced great nerve at the gallows during the preparations made for his execution. When all was ready, he sat down and pulled off his boots, and then stood up and adjusted his coat, and waited for the Sheriff to fix and tie the rope. At half past two o'clock p.m., the Sheriff and ministers took leave of the prisoner, when the signal was given, the rope was cut and the body of Bowman was left suspended. At 2:35 – some ten minutes after the suspension – physicians examined culprit's pulse, which had ceased to beat, and he was pronounced dead. On examination, it was found that his neck had been broken.

(From: The North State Weekly, Greensboro, North Carolina, 4 September 1879)

THE EXECUTION OF THOMAS PINKNEY BOWMAN

We are deeply indebted to H. M. (Mack) Cranford of Trinity and Mrs.. Hal M. Worth, Randolph County Historian, Asheboro for a copy of the "Asheboro Courier" dated September 2nd, 1879, for the following account of the Bowman episode.

There are few people in Randolph County who remember any of the incidents of that era, that is in the 1800's, however, Mrs. William C. Hammer, better known to many of us as "Miss Minnie" does have a recollection of the Bowman hanging. She remembers well that she and her mother, Mrs. Jennie Hancock visited Bowman while in jail, taking him cookies. Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Hammer remembers would shake his finger in front of her face and say "I am as innocent as that little girl."

However this may be, we are reproducing herewith as best as we can the statement of Mr. Bowman and the news story written by either one of two editors of the Asheboro Courier at that time, namely, C. B. Bradshaw and E. C. Hackney:

We paint the picture of the tragic occurrences that make up the scene of this day. It is a true novel scene in this country. For one hundred years Randolph lived and flourished without the execution of a single criminal within her border, but finally in the one hundred and first year of her existence, as a county she is called upon to execute a duty for another county. She is equal to the call and her people are here today to encourage their faithful servant, Sheriff Millikan in the discharge of an unpleasant but solemn duty.

Never before in the history of Asheboro, has such a crowd thronged her streets. The crowd began to arrive Thursday from every direction. Thursday afternoon and this morning, the eye could catch the vehicles of every name, shape and size filled to overflowing with the young and old, black and white, rich and poor - all gathering to witness today's scene. From the cupola of the courthouse Friday morning you could see every road leading into town literally lined for two or three miles with vehicles, horses and people. By 11 a.m., the town was full and the road leading out to where the gallows had been erected - about 3/4 mile from town on the old Salisbury road - was blockaded by the surging crowd coming and going and awaiting the breathless suspense the appearance of the sheriff and his guard. At 12 o'clock sharp we reported to the jail and through the kindness of Sheriff Millikan we were admitted. From one of the windows upstairs we looked

down on the faces of 3,000 people, as they waved and surged around the front gate of the jail yard, watching and gazing at the front door of the jail with eagerness and excitement seemingly intense and indescribable.

At ten minutes past twelve the Sheriff appeared at the front door of the jail and called the roll of his guard of fifty men. All answered their names, James McGee was appointed Captain and the orders were given. At 12:25 p.m. we followed the sheriff into the cell of the doomed man, and found him ready. When the Sheriff approached to place the rope around his neck he protested and asked that he be allowed to ride to the gallows without wearing the rope around his neck and when informed there was no mercy for him, he calmly climbed upon the wagon in which was placed his coffin, took a seat on it with the Sheriff and Dr. Lewis. It was with great difficulty that the guard kept back the anxious and excited crowd. Everybody seemed wild with anxiety to see the doomed and wretched prisoner. He had little to say between the jail and gallows. His only remark on the way that he could not see "why so many should have come here today to rejoice at his misfortunes and troubles."

THE PLACE OF EXECUTION

The wagon containing him was driven up by the side of the platform attached to the gallows and upon this he stepped with the Sheriff. Rev. A. F. Tyre and Rev. J. L. Giles also accompanied them. When the guards had taken their position, Rev. J. L. Giles read the good old hymn in the Methodist Hymn book commencing - "While life prolongs it precious light," which was sung feelingly by the men around the gallows. At the conclusion of this, Mr. Giles offered a very earnest and feeling prayer. This done, Mr. Giles announced that he had been requested to preach a funeral discourse in respect to the memory of Mr. Bowman's five little children who are dead and gone. His text is found in the 14th chapter and 12th verse of Paul's Epistle to the Romans: "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself unto God." The discourse was brief but earnest and impressive. When Mr. Giles was concluded the Rev. A. P. Tyre invoked for the prisoner and the immense assemblage the love and mercy of the only power can save and offered a prayer, brief, but most devout and feeling when the solemn "Amen" had rolled out and died away on the waves of the air, the ministers shook hands with the prisoner and came down.

The doomed man remained on his knees during all the sermon and prayers and during the time he took two drinks of water and two chews of tobacco.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tyre's prayer, he rose from his knees and very deliberately sat down and then the Sheriff asked him if he had anything to say, he said in substance.

“My friends, I have but a few words to say. I have a clear conscience and I think I can meet my God in peace. Bad company and bad habits have brought me here where you now see me. I have kept bad company in my life and I got into bad habits and that is what has caused my misfortune and all my troubles. If you keep bad company and never get bad habits. If you do, it will ruin you as it has ruined me. If it is for a crime that I am here, I don’t know it, I am ignorant of it, I am not guilty of what I have been accused. As to what man can do, I care not. You can only hurt my body, you can only kill me for what I have never done, but that is all that you can do. I am willing to go I am ready. This is all I have to confess and all I have to say to you. I am honest in what I have said and hope that I am right - I think I have fought a good fight. I have finished my work here and I do hope that when my troubles and sufferings are over here in the world today, that my poor soul will go to rest. And I trust and pray that the good Lord will be kind to my dear little daughter which I leave behind. I wanted to see her before I left the world but it can do her no good now, I hope she will be saved.

My friends, I told you as right the truth as I can and all that I know. You have heard it all and all that you will ever hear from me. I feel that I am ready to go and meet my God. I have tried as best I know to prepare myself to meet him. And I do hope and pray to god that I am right.

This said, the Sheriff assisted by his Deputies, McGee and Brown, adjusted and tied the rope to the beam above and then tightened it around his neck, tied his hands behind his back and his feet together, placed a black cap over his head and face and descended. While the rope and cap were being adjusted he insisted they should not be so tight. Said he: “I am ready to go but I don’t want to suffer until the time comes. I have suffered enough in this world.”

Before cutting the trigger, the Sheriff bade him good bye and asked him if he had anything more to say. His answer was: “No, I have told you all the truth and all I have to tell. If you have not believed me up to this time you will never believe me in this world.”

Just before the final stroke Sheriff Millikan read aloud and distinctly the order of the Court and then aid - “Mr. Bowman, you have a half minute more to live,” to which the prisoner answered “Let that 1/2 minute pass out of me, I have nothing more to say, I am ready to.”

The final stroke was instantly made at 2:26 p.m. and into eternity the poor, miserable, unfortunate and wretched man bounded. With that stroke his heart bled by sorrows and troubles and tortures of a fearful, mean obscene and misspent life and harrowed by the most bitter memories that can poison the emotions of the human soul fell into the agonies of death

that baffles and defies all the fertility of the human imagination.

In seven minutes his pulse had ceased to beat, and in ten minutes he was pronounced by the attending physician, Dr. Lewis, dead. He hung twenty five minutes. His body was then cut down, placed in the coffin and delivered to relatives who carried it to his native county Rockingham for interment.

This ended the earthy career of Thomas P. Bowman and over the end there survives a mystery which none but him who "reads the secrets of hears" can fathom and solve. He denied his guilt in the very jaws of death and protested his innocence with the last syllable that fell tremblingly from the lips and sent its echo into the silent chambers of the "King of Terrors."

He bore himself throughout with remarkable self-possession and seemed to be perfectly cool and calm till the very last. His manner of moving and speaking indicated very little agitation, if any, we were unable to detect a tear or single evidence of the agitation that would naturally imagine precedes such a death.

If he committed the crime, he had paid the awful and full penalty. If he was innocent and pardoned he is now reaping a much richer reward than man can give or earth yield. As to his guilt, no man knows. We believed him guilty and we believe that the full measure of justice was meted out to him today. His care-worn and pale, emaciated face wore the badge of guilt. The blazing sun that flashed light over the contorted expressions of his mysterious countenance added faith to our belief. The bright face of heaven today seemed to smile the smile of approval as his harrowed soul took its flight from the earth yet fresh with marks that tell with melting power and last resting place of a ruined mother and murdered wife. To his memory we owe no respect but we do devoutly hope for his poor soul the fullness of the blissful reward which he professedly anticipated - Let his life be a lesson and let his sad end deeply impress its fearful warning.

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EPILOGUE

by

Bob Carter

While Thomas Pinkney Bowman was in the Asheboro, North Carolina, jail awaiting his execution he wrote a short history of his life experiences. Copies of the history were sold on the day he was hung raising \$150 which was given to his daughter Eliza Jane Bowman. (1)

On 29 August 1879 Pinkney Bowman was hung and after the execution his corpse was claimed by William R. "Bill" Lynn who had married Elizabeth R. Bowman, a niece of Pinkney. (Bill's wife was the daughter of George R. Bowman.) Bill and a Paschal boy drove a wagon to Asheboro to return Pinkney's remains to Rockingham County. Tradition says they camped out for two nights on their way back to Rockingham. The story continues that they slept under the wagon while Bowman's corpse remained in the wagon. (2) As they passed through Greensboro a photographer offered Bill \$.50 to open the coffin so he could make a photo of the corpse. No doubt the photographer sold prints of the photo. One story says that a man in south Caswell had a copy of the photo but its whereabouts are unknown today. (3)

Bill Lynn carried Bowman's remains to the cemetery where his wife Theresa was buried and Pinkney was buried beside her as he had requested. (4) The cemetery is located on the west side of the Tate Road behind the old Dave Paschal homeplace. There are approximately 21 graves in the cemetery and only two are marked with tombstones. They are Joseph Allen (1801-1856) and William R. Windsor (1869-1872). The remainder of the graves are marked by field rocks with no names or dates. Decades later the Bowmans' graves were pointed out to young Alfonso Allen (1920-2003) by his mother. He never forgot the site of the graves or the stories associated with them. (5)

And what became of Eliza Jane Bowman, the only surviving child of Pinkney and Theresa Cannon Bowman? After her father's execution tradition says Eliza lived for sometime with members of the Bowman family who were not particularly kind to her. (6) Not being satisfied with this arrangement she ran away to live with her aunt, Jane Cannon Dill, in Caswell County. She appears in Jane Dill's household in the Federal Census of 1880. Eliza Jane was listed as 14 years old. In the same household was Jane Dill's son, Stephen C. Dill, age 19 years. (7) Eliza married her first cousin Stephen C. Dill (who was 24 years old) in Yanceyville on 19 May 1883. (8) The Dills were married only a few years before he died.

The couple had no children. (9)

On 28 January 1887 Eliza Jane Bowman Dill married J. F. Hensley, age 19 years. She is listed as 20 years of age. They married in Caswell County. (10) The couple reared a large family. Eliza died at an advanced age in 1949 and was buried in Alamance County. Her descendants say that she never liked to talk about the traumatic experiences of her youth. (11)

One question has never been answered about the Bowman case. Why did Pinkney maintain that he did not kill his wife? In his life sketch he states that several years before her death Theresa had tried to hang herself. Also a man told him about the time they returned from the State of Georgia that Theresa said she intended to leave evidence behind when she died to hang Bowman.

And a friend told him the year before she died that "... if I stayed with her she would cause me to be hanged." (12)

Could it be possible that Theresa drank the poison to kill herself and get even with Pinkney for all the misery that he had caused her during the 21 years of their marriage?

NOTES

1. Pinkney Bowman's life story has been published several times. The sketch appeared in the Greensboro Daily News, 19 October 1941 and the Asheboro Courier-Tribune, 6 March 1958. Copies in the Asheboro, North Carolina, Public Library.
2. The Reidsville Review, 29 July 1932. From article "Who Remembers," by W. Bas Paschal. The article contains several errors about the names of the people involved but the story is probably correct.
3. Tradition from Carolyn Chilton, 6 June 2007 and 8 July 2007. Her uncle, Alfonso Allen, and aunt, Mildred Allen, often told traditional stories about the Bowman case. Also traditions from Carlene Holt, 25 February 1989 and 16 July 2007.
4. See note number one.
5. See note number three. Also visit to cemetery on 17 August 1995 by Carolyn Chilton and Bob Carter.

6. Interview with a Bowman descendant by Bob Carter on 15 August 1995.
7. 1880 Caswell County, North Carolina Census, Locust Hill Township.
8. Caswell County, North Carolina marriage licenses, 1883; file D, number 255.
9. See note number six.
10. Caswell County, North Carolina marriage license, 1887; file F, number 63.
11. See note number six.
12. See note number one.

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ROCKINGHAM FISHING CLUB, INC.

HISTORY 1939 - 1989

By
Von Neal

PREFACE

This being the 50th Anniversary of our club and lake, and some of the charter members and their families still very much a part of this organization, I felt that it was about time to write a narrative of events relating to the first half century of our organization.

Some of the contents are facts and some should be taken for whatever they are worth to the reader.

Realizing that the 50th year was approaching, I began to collect information about the lake and it beginning several years ago. I have spent a lot of time talking to charter members, some of whom have since died.

I will attempt to relate the information that I have gathered as honestly and as prudently as possible.

I want to thank all the people who took time to talk to me about the lake and the club. A very special thanks to Emma Sue Hooper for typing the manuscript.

FISHING CLUB HISTORY

A group of fishermen from Reidsville had discussed on several occasions the possibility of forming a fishing club and building a lake good for fishing. Mr. Eugene Hester, an attorney in Reidsville began to inquire about a suitable location for the lake. He discovered that Dr. Thacker, a prominent doctor in Rockingham County, owned an ideal parcel of land in the eastern part of the county that could be purchased. Dr. Thacker was interested in the venture also and offered the land at a reasonable price. The group of interested fishermen committed themselves and Lawyer Hester drew up a Certificate of Incorporation dated August 28, 1939. A Charter was issued on September 22, 1939, and signed by Thad Eure, Secretary of State. The original application stated that the club would have no more than 150 members, but was later changed to 100 members, with the stipulation that only 10 members would be admitted who resided

outside of Rockingham County. A certificate of membership in the club would be sold for \$100 each.

The property was purchased and clearing the land for the lake began immediately. Sets of logs cut from the property were used to build several cabins. I am told that an old Indian and his wife cut many of the trees. The old Indian lived in a small hut not far from the eastern property line of the club. I have been to his hut. On more than one occasion during the late 1940s and early 1950s while visiting at Jim Hardy's cabin, I could see a light moving down the road toward the cabin after dark. I later learned that it was the Indian riding on a mule with a lantern hanging from his saddle. Sometimes he would stop and chat awhile.

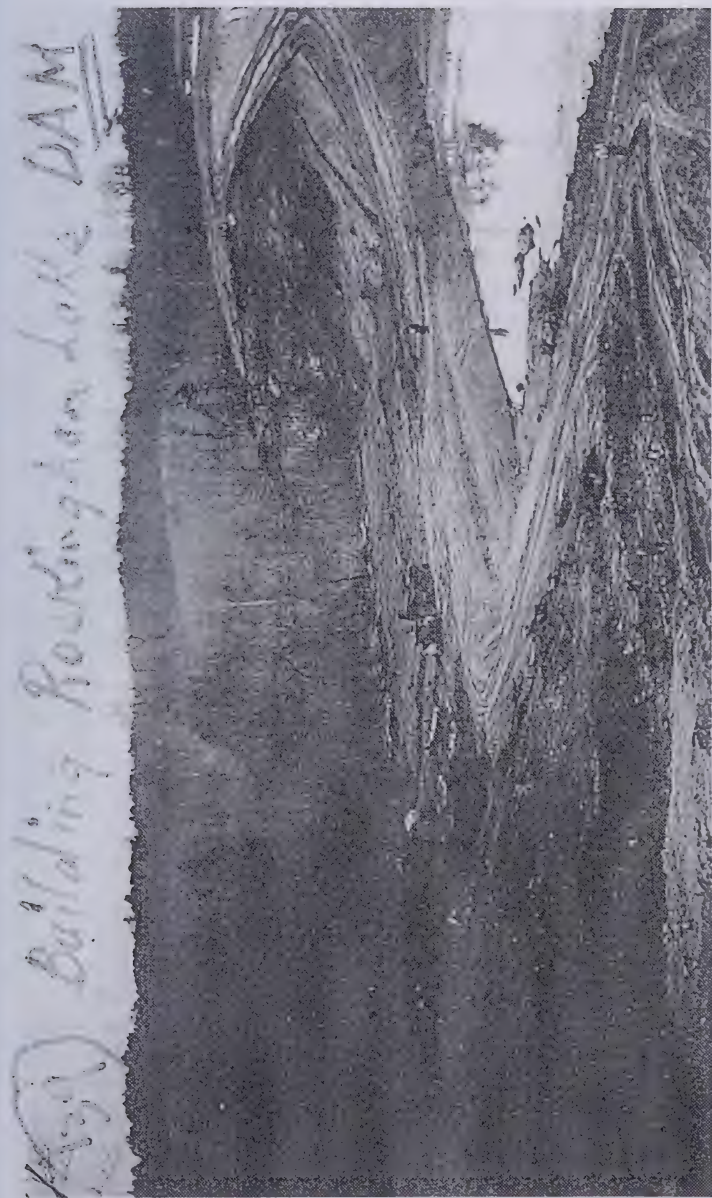
The contract for clearing approximately 50 acres of trees was given to Mr. T. E. Idol for a sum of \$600.

The dam was built in the fall and winter of 1939, and in the winter of 1939 and 1940, a very deep snow fell. The lake was completely filled by the summer of 1940.

Some of the earliest cabins were those of: Attorney Eugene Hester, which is now owned by Jack Crutchfield (this may have been the first cabin built); Mr. S. B. Mace, now owned by his son, Herbert Mace; Mr. Littleton Hooper, now owned by Randy Hylton; Mr. Arch Cook, now owned by Robert Roach; Mr. Bozo Daniels, torn down during the summer of 1988 to make way for a new cabin to be built by David Small; Mr. Numa Baker, now owned by David Hooper; Mr. Fred DeGrotte, now owned by Von Neal.

The roads in the early days were less than adequate. To get to the lake from Reidsville, one had to take Highway 87 to 150, then 150 East to a dirt road on the left of Miss Annie Slade's home. This dirt road ended at a fork. If one turned left, the road went to Paul Paschal's. A right turn went to the lake. I am told that during the first several years if members were at the lake and heard thunder, they hurriedly packed up and went home, or they might not have been able to travel the slippery, muddy roads. The old Bowman or Rice home place is now owned by Doc Grogan. The cabin and a corn crib were the existing buildings on the property when purchased. The corn crib stood at the lake edge between Arnold Turner's and Bob Hardy's until the mid 1950s.

I remember well the first time I visited Rockingham Lake. It was in the Winter of 1948 and I was a guest of Jim Hardy. Jim took me on a boat ride around the lake. It was cold weather, but I didn't notice. I just fell in love with the lake and thought that I would be the luckiest person in the world if I could ever own a place at the lake. Approximately 10 years later, my



Rockingham Lake Dam under construction by Herbert Ware in 1939.

Photograph courtesy of Von Neal

dream came true. I have spent all my free time here since.

CARETAKERS

When I first became a member, the caretaker was Mr. Crouch who lived in a log cabin provided by the club. That cabin is now owned by David Crutchfield. After Mr. Crouch left, the club no longer provided a residence for the caretaker. Some time later, this cabin was sold by sealed bids, offered only to club members who did not own a cabin. David Crutchfield was the highest bidder. Mr. Crouch had a cow, pigs, and chickens. He raised a large garden down in the hollow behind his cabin. There were, and still are, two springs down in that hollow; one was behind the cabin now owned by Dr. Charlton, the other one is just behind the old caretaker's cabin. Mr. Crouch built two big hold boxes that water from the spring flowed into. One was used as a spring box. The other was used to keep minnows for sale to members. I am told that he also sold to select members and a few outsiders a portion of his recipes from time to time.

He also kept the club tractor and was called on occasionally to pull a club member out of a muddy ditch. Some time around the mid 1960s, Mr. Crouch retired and moved. Mr. Huston Barham, who lived on the road to the lower gate was hired as caretaker and remained in this position until his death in the late 1960s. George Somers took the job and remained until his sudden death in the early 1970s. Paul Paschal took the job for a short time until we hired Wayne Barham. Several years later, Wayne became very ill and had to give up the job. Paul Paschal came back until Wayne recovered. Wayne remained until his death in 1982. The club then hired Milton Bailey as caretaker and he holds that position today.

SPILLWAYS - SIPHONS

The spillway that runs under the road was the original and only way excess lake water could overflow from the lake until Mr. Henry Knight engineered and installed the 16" siphon pipe which runs through the dam. This siphon pipe has a large valve that can be opened to siphon off excess water from the lake, or for draw-down when needed. In the early 1970s, there was a summer when we had an extremely large amount of rain in a short period of time. This resulted in flooding of the lake to a point of concern of a wash-out of our dam. This flood also caused a great deal of



Sketch of the DeGrotte-Neal cabin at Rockingham Lake.

Courtesy of Von Neal

damage to boat houses, piers and property. The Board of Directors voted to have an emergency spillway built which will allow excess water to flow off when the lake gets 6" above normal.

ROAD EQUIPMENT - CARE OF ROADS

The club originally owned an Oliver tractor, a drag-scraper, and Galion grader. We still own all of this equipment except the Oliver tractor which was sold to Speedy Robinson. In the early days, the ditches were pulled out by the club tractor pulling the 4 wheel Galion grader. Someone had to ride on the platform grader to adjust the wheels and scrape blade. Sometimes club members would help. Later the front wheels were removed and the grader operated better and was easier to pull. After the ditches were "pulled" the drag-scraper was used to knock the "crown" off. The club now owns a Massey Ferguson tractor, a sickle mower, a bush hog, and the old scrape and Galion grader. The motor grader, front-end loader, back-hoe and dump truck all belong to our fellow member and caretaker, Milton Bailey. Thanks to Milton Bailey the roads are in the best condition they have ever been in.

GATES AND LOCKS

In the early years we had three gates which were made from welded pipe and were locked with chain and pad locks. Gate #1 was the main gate which enters the larger portion of the lake. Gate #2 is referred to as the "lower gate" which gives access to approximately six cottages. Gate #3 is located at the far upper end of the lake. To get there, one must turn left on Slade Road off NC 150 and bear to the right while proceeding to the end of Slade Road. This gate is no longer in use. Only one cabin is at this location and they maintain their own gate, lock and road. When we used a padlock and chain, often when members were having a party or poker game at their cabin they would simply unlock the gate and put the lock in their pocket leaving the gate open for hours and sometimes days. There was once a cabin back in the woods just after crossing the old spillway where many all-night poker games were held. The member who lived in this cabin opened the gate and kept the lock. Due to limited parking at his cabin, some guests parked anywhere, often blocking the road completely. Members who wanted to get through had to walk to this cabin and ask

someone to move his car. This cabin burned mysteriously one night. Because of problems such as this, Mr. Henry Knight came through with a solution. He made a lock that was fastened to the gate. It kept your key until you locked the gate. It was much like the one we use today with the exception that he made the first ones and today we buy the locks. Each member is issued keys. Additional keys are \$5 each. Periodically the gate locks are changed and new keys are issued.

WILDLIFE

When I first started coming to the lake, I would see the various wildlife one would see around a lake like frogs, snakes, birds, etc. Occasionally I would see a muskrat. Now, groundhogs, rabbits, and squirrels are abundant. In the fall, raccoons visit my area frequently at night during the time the persimmons are ripe. Beavers will invade our lake sometimes and cut many tress. Several species of migratory ducks will appear in the winter on their way to or from their natural nesting sanctuary. Early one summer several years ago, two Canada geese and six little goslings appeared on our lake. A few days later, Bernie Melchert, who owns a farm less than a mile through the woods from the lake, asked if I had seen the Canada geese and the little ones. I replied that I had. Noticing the surprised look on my face, he explained that they had nested at his pond. After hatching they left and he followed them to Rockingham Lake. Since then, Canada geese have nested at our lake each year. Sometimes in the winter the wild turkeys will scratch and eat in plain view. I have seen turkeys many times crossing the road between the gate and the dam. Wood ducks nest in boxes around the lake. Last summer I had the privilege of witnessing the young leave their box and swim into their future. That was a sight to behold. This spring, a wood duck was nesting in a box at my lake front. Early one morning, barely at daybreak, I was sitting on my porch having coffee. I noticed a movement on top of my wood duck box. As it got lighter, I realized that it was a raccoon. When the raccoon saw me it crawled into the duck box, but not before my dog saw it. When I returned from work at 5:30 p.m. on this hot day, I checked the duck box. The raccoon was still there. My dog had guarded him all day. He escaped that night. Beautiful birds are abundant around the lake year round.

GRASS CARP

For the past 20 years the lake has progressively become infested with aquatic weeds and grasses to a point that in recent years some of our shallow coves were almost impassable by motorboat. This problem was two-fold as it was also causing an imbalance in fish growth. For several years chemicals were used to try to control the grass and weed problem. We also would draw the lake down 8 to 10 feet during winters. In the Spring of 1981, the grounds committee contacted the Rockingham Agricultural Extension Office for advice on how to control our aquatic weed and grass growth. Agricultural Extension Agent, Scott Shoulars, put us in touch with the Division of Aquatic Weeds at North Carolina State University, and the Division of North Carolina Wildlife and Fisheries. Taking their advice, we adopted a plan to use a new hybrid grass carp. After several years and setbacks, we restocked the lake in the fall of 1988 for the second time. This was done under the direction of Dr. Rich Nobles of North Carolina State University. This summer (1989), we have seen a drastic decrease in aquatic weeds and grasses.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On the third Saturday of January in each year, the club held an annual meeting to elect officers and members of the Board. The organizational structure in the beginning was as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 10 board members. The officers were elected yearly and each year 5 board members were elected for a 2-year term. The meetings were held in various locations such as the Courtroom, Reidsville Municipal Building, Reidsville Recreation Department, City Funeral Home Chapel, Reidsville Library, etc. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. After the election of officers, the President would make a report of the activities of the Board during the past year and the officers would listen to suggestions and/or complaints from the general membership. In 1987, the club built a picnic shelter and in October 1988 we held the Annual Meeting along with barbecue dinner at the shelter. The 1989 Annual Meeting was held the first Saturday in June at the lake shelter. A club picnic for members and their families was held July 29, 1989. Annual Meetings of shareholders will be held each year at a time set by the Board of Directors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the early spring of 1974, one Saturday night, several people had gathered together for dinner. The discussion came up about Sunday School at the lake during the summer. Louise Parker said she would teach some of the time and others volunteered to teach on occasion. Dean Frye got a few song books for us to use. Bob and Earl Brown agreed to hold classes on their pier. I made a sign and put it on the gates that Sunday School would begin the first Sunday in June and go through the Sunday before Labor Day. During the first years, many Sundays we had 35-40 people. On one occasion we had 72 people attend. We took up one collection each year on the last Sunday. This money was used to help build a church in Haiti. It was also used to purchase church bells, bibles, and many other items for use in Haiti missions. Graydon Key also taught Sunday School on many occasions as well as heading up the support to the mission. Sunday School is still being held each summer at the same place. This is the fifteenth year.

DROWNINGS

There have been three drownings since the lake was built. Around the early 1950s a woman visitor fell from a boat at the upper end of the lake and drowned. Divers from Norfolk, Virginia came to dive and retrieve the body.

During the 1950s, Mr. Gammon was trying to start his boat motor a short distance from the shore. The motor caught fire. Mr. Gammon jumped from the boat and drowned.

During the early part of the 1980s, a visitor of one of our club members was swimming across the lake, caught a cramp and drowned.

I hope that if a history is written about this club's 100th anniversary, it can continue to say there have been only three drownings since the lake was built.

FIRES

Three cabins have been destroyed by fire. Elton Somers' cabin, which was located where the club tractor shed now stands was burned and Elton relocated. Boots Wagoner's cabin burned to the ground and he has not rebuilt. John Gentry's cabin burned to the ground because of faulty wiring. He sold his share to Jeff Strader.

ELTON SOMERS vs. DYNAMITE

After Elton Somers' cabin burned, he rebuilt inside the lower gate beside Mr. Ward. He also built a pier and shelter for his boat. His pier was rather far up in the cove and the water was shallow. Elton came before the Board of Directors and asked permission to increase the depth of the cove around his pier and boathouse which would require blasting with some dynamite. The Board of Directors approved, but not before cautioning him that if any damage occurred to other properties he would be responsible. Not long afterwards, one afternoon, Tom Hardy who owned a cottage two doors down, was coming to his cabin when debris fell all over the area. Investigating the area around where it seemed to have occurred, Tom found large clumps of cattails on cabins, up in trees, and mud everywhere. He also found Elton and a friend sitting on the bank of the lake completely spattered with mud. He asked Elton what in the world had happened. Elton wiped the mud from his eyeglasses with his fingers and replied, "Nothing, why?" No one was hurt, but a goodly amount of damage was done to adjacent cabins because of falling boards blown from Elton's pier going through the roofs.

BOWMAN TOWN

Legend has it that along about the time of the Civil War the vicinity where Rockingham Lake is located was known as Bowman Town. It seems that a family of Bowmans lived on what is now club property and were known to steal anything they needed. One story was that old man Pink Bowman stole a cow, cut it up and had the meat in a cave. When the authorities came to inquire about the missing cow, Pink's wife was cooking a pot of soup in an iron pot over the fireplace and the cow chain was on the hearth. When Pink Bowman heard the knock on the door, he put the cow chain in the stew pot. Later, he began to think his wife was going to tell on him, so he bought some arsenic. He said it was to kill crows with. He started poisoning his wife by putting arsenic in a little corn liquor which she was fond of. But instead of the poison killing her, it made her fat, so he smothered her and then he buried her. Suspicion grew that he had poisoned his wife so they exhumed her body, removed part of her brain and fed it to a frog. The frog died. Pink was arrested, tried, and sentenced to hang. He was hanged in Asheboro sometime shortly after the Civil War [1879].

(As told by Granny Somers to Howard Hardy)

EARLY MEMBERS

Royal and Matt Delapp were well known and were the first permanent residents at the lake. They were loved by all the members. Royal was a plumber and Miss Matt was a nurse. Each year for many years, Royal cooked a big Brunswick stew and invited hundreds of friends. Royal passed away in 1982.

Joe and Ruby Delancy were the second permanent residents and were also loved by all the members. They moved to the lake in 1970. Joe and Ruby could catch fish when no one else could. Ruby is known for her ability to cook up delicious meals of wild game and fish. Joe was well known for his frequent visits around the lake telling entertaining stories to the members. He passed away in 1985. Ruby still lives at the lake.

Lennie and Frances Ward had a cabin at the lake until 1980. Lennie was chairman of the Grounds Committee for many years. He worked just as hard as the caretaker. Back in the 1960s it was not unusual to see Lennie riding the grader being pulled by the tractor pulling out the ditches. Matt Delapp and Joe Delancy were brother and sister. Ruby Delancy and Frances Ward were sisters.

Rockingham Fishing Club, Inc. is a unique organization. It is one of a kind. I sometimes feel that the average member does not realize what a unique privilege it is to be a member of this club.

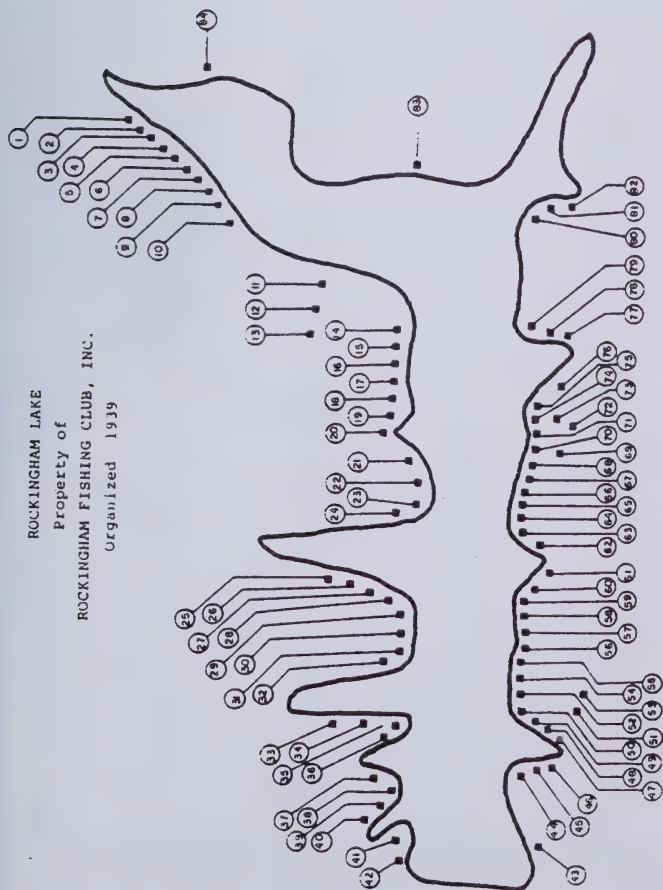
I want to ask each member to take a good look at the lake and ask yourself, "Where is a place more beautiful?" Please take pride in your property - Pick Up - Clean Up.

**CABIN OWNERS IN REFERENCE TO
LOCATION NUMBER ON MAP**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Madeline Crow | 37. David Apple |
| 2. Dennis Stegall | 38. Howard Hardy |
| 3. Frank Williams | 39. Billy Clifton |
| 4. David Wilson | 40. Sara Hill |
| 5. Robert McCollum | 41. Richard Hopper |
| 6. Steve Darnell | 42. Eddie Green |
| 7. Jay Hardy | 43. Jim Hardy |
| 8. Plum Trent | 44. Doc Alston / Dan Wimberley |
| 9. Tom Chrismon | 45. Vernon Moon |
| 10. Bob Hardy | 46. William Cunningham |
| 11. Arnold Turner | 47. Randy Hylton |
| 12. Doc Grogan | 48. Herbert Mace |
| 13. Joe Hooper | 49. Jack Crutchfield |
| 14. Martha Lou Chilton | 50. David Small |
| 15. Curtis Apple | 51. David Crutchfield |
| 16. Mickey Bailey | 52. Danny Booker |
| 17. Waver Newnam | 53. Jack Charlton |
| 18. Wayne Strider | 54. Robert Roach |
| 19. Ed Martin | 55. Boyd Hooper |
| 20. Gwynn Simmons / Nat Walker | 56. Walter Hooper |
| 21. William Bailey | 57. David Hooper |
| 22. Mac Frazier Brame | 58. Von Neal |
| 23. Jack Ballenger | 59. Joe Perry |
| 24. James Chambers | 60. Clay Barrow |
| 25. David Lane | 61. G. P. Parker III |
| 26. Joe Matkins | 62. Bob Brown |
| 27. Martin Billingsley | 63. Regina Moore |
| 28. Frank Lane | 64. Paul King |
| 29. John Citty | 65. Roy McCollum |
| 30. Price Citty | 66. Jerry Turpin |
| 31. Bo Parks | 67. Eric Grant |
| 32. Kate Teasley / Lucy Barham | 68. George Parker |
| 33. Randy Billingsley | 69. Parker Turpin |
| 34. Raymond Wagoner | 70. Thomas Ham |
| 35. Pete Parks | 71. Thomas O'Mara |
| 36. Ruby Delancy | 72. Buck Morris |

73. Club Storage House
74. Milton Bailey
75. Raymond Chambers
76. Bobby Bailey
77. W. L. Pryor

78. Gary Crumpton
79. Christy Gooch
80. Benton Gooch
81. Helen Key
82. Granville Branch
83. James Smith



■ - Indicates placement of cottage
⊙ - Indicates Owner of cottage (see attached sheet)

MEMBERSHIP OF ROCKINGHAM FISHING CLUB, INC.

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Alston	J.G.	Harden, Jr.	Bob
Apple	Linda	Hardy	Gene
Apple, Jr.	W. B. (Dud)		Howard
Bailey	Mickey	Hardy	James
	Milton		Robert
	Robert		Thomas
	William		Jay
Ballenger	Jack	Hill	Sarah
Barham	Lucy	Hopper	Richard
Barrow	Clay	Hopper	David
Billingsley	Martin		Jo Billy
	Randy		Walter
Booker	Danny	Hopper, Jr.	A. B. (Boyd)
Brame	Frazier	Hopper, Sr.	A. B. (Mrs.)
Branch	Granville	Hylton	Walter
Brown, Jr.	Robert	Jones	Robert
Chambers	James	Key	Helen
Charlton	Dr. John	King	Paul
Chilton	Matha Lou	Lane	David
	Raymond		Frank
Chrismon	Thomas	Mace	Herbert
Clifton	Billy	Martin	Eddie
Citty	John	Matkins	Joe
	Price	McCollum	Robert
Crow	Madeline		Roy (Mac)
Crumpton	Cary	Moore	Regina
Crutchfield	David	Moon	Vernon
	Ira Jack	Morris	Buck
Cunningham	William Ray	Neal	Von
Darnell	Steven	Newman	Waver
Delancy	Ruby	O'Mara	Thomas
Gooch	Benton	Parker	George
	Christie	Parker III	George (Jeepie)
Grant	Eric	Parks	Bo
Green	Eddie		W. L. (Pete)
Grogan	B. G.	Perry	Joe
Ham	Thomas		

Pryor, Jr.	W. L.	Trent III	Elton
Roach	Howard	Trent	Plum
Simmons	Gwynn	Turner	Arnold
	Robert	Turpin	Jerry
Ross	Betty		John
Sawyers	G. L.		Parker
Somers	Marjorie	Wagoner	Ben
Small	David		Raymond
Smith	James	Walter	Nat
Strader	Jeff	Williams	Frank
Stegall	Dennis		Keith
Strider	Wayne	Wilson	Mrs. David
Stone	Mrs. Randy	Wimberly	Dan
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